

## Phrasal Verbs about Hobbies

### A. Read the text about someone's hobbies and underline ten phrasal verbs.

When I was in high school, I took part in a band. It all started because my friends and I played instruments and when we used to hang out, we would play some of our favourite songs together. My best friend came up with the idea of starting a band, which I was keen on. I played in the band for five years but once I started university, it was hard to keep up with the practice sessions so I had to give it up. Throughout university, I didn't have much free time so I took up a few small hobbies just for fun. I did some photography and scrapbooking, which I really enjoyed because now I have a lot of memories from my university days. I still do some photography on the side but I've always been into music and I missed that part of my life. I've had a bit more time now that I've graduated university so I convinced myself to get back into music. I decided to have a go at electronic music because, like photography and scrapbooking, I can do this hobby on my own time around my work schedule.



### B. Write down the ten phrasal verbs from the text in the present tense and then match each one with a suitable meaning.

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| 1. ....  | a. to try                        |
| 2. ....  | b. to restart                    |
| 3. ....  | c. to participate                |
| 4. ....  | d. to be interested in something |
| 5. ....  | e. to start                      |
| 6. ....  | f. to spend time with people     |
| 7. ....  | g. to think of / create an idea  |
| 8. ....  | h. to continue to do something   |
| 9. ....  | i. to quit                       |
| 10. .... | j. to be interested in something |

### C. Brainstorm and write down a list of ten hobbies.

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| 1. .... | 6. ....  |
| 2. .... | 7. ....  |
| 3. .... | 8. ....  |
| 4. .... | 9. ....  |
| 5. .... | 10. .... |

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**D. Use the hobbies from Exercise C to write answers to the discussion questions below. Repeat the phrasal verbs in your responses.**

1. Which hobbies are you keen on trying?

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2. Which hobby would you like to take up the most? Why?

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3. Which hobbies have you taken part in?

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4. Which hobby would be fun to do while hanging out with friends?

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5. Which hobby would you like to have a go at?

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6. Is there a hobby that you've given up in your life that you would like to get back into?

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7. Which hobby do you think would be the most difficult to keep up with? Why?

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8. Which of the hobbies are you least into? Why?

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9. Which hobby would you most likely give up shortly after starting it? Why?

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10. What excuses have you come up with in your life for not starting a new hobby?

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**E. Now, discuss the questions and answers in small groups.**