

What Are Your Hobbies?

This is what four American teenagers say about their hobbies.

ADAM

I buy all the new video games and I spend a lot of time playing them. Consoles are best because the screens are bigger. Computers are fun too, because you can play games with other people.



RYAN

I love cooking. Many people don't think it's right for guys to cook but I really enjoy it. I like cooking Japanese food and Mexican food.



STEFANIE

I've been singing since I was a child. I started playing the guitar last year and I practise every day. I write songs about my experiences and feelings.



LINDSAY

The theatre is my passion. I've always loved acting. I sometimes do acting and modelling jobs when I'm not at school.



Here are the most popular hobbies of American teenagers.

Tick (✓) the hobbies you like.



Using the Internet

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Swimming

☐


Playing computer games

☐


Going to the movies

☐


Basketball

☐


Listening to music

☐


Volleyball

☐


Bowling

☐


Drama

☐


Baseball

☐

Tick the sentences that are true about you.

- ☐ I do my hobby regularly.
- ☐ I have to get up early to do my hobby.
- ☐ My hobby is something that I do well.
- ☐ I take lessons to help me to do my hobby properly.
- ☐ I have to be able to think quickly to do my hobby.
- ☐ When I'm older, I want to do my hobby professionally.

What's your hobby? _____



Find out more about what American teenagers think on the internet on:

www.teenink.com/Poll/PastPolls.html

WORD CHECK





What is it in your language? Find out!

- console =
- screen =
- computer =
- to practise =
- experience =
- feeling =
- to cook =
- guy =
- passion =
- modelling =
- job =
- regularly =
- properly =
- professionally =

Talking About Hobbies

Read what these teenagers have to say about their hobbies.
Fill in the gaps in the grids.

- 1 All of the Phoenix School kids like going to concerts.
- 2 The girls like shopping but the boys don't.
- 3 Dave doesn't like watching videos but everybody else does.
- 4 Andy and Natasha don't like reading but Jane does.
- 5 Andy spends a lot of time on his computer, but Dave doesn't like computers, nor does Jane.
- 6 The boys often play football but the girls don't like it.

DAVE		Hobbies <i>going to concerts</i>	Doesn't like _____
		_____	_____
		_____	<i>computers</i>
ANDY		Hobbies _____	Doesn't like <i>shopping</i>
		_____	_____
		_____	_____
NATASHA		Hobbies _____	Doesn't like _____
		_____	<i>reading</i>
		_____	_____
JANE		Hobbies _____	Doesn't like _____
		_____	<i>football</i>
		_____	_____
		<i>watching videos</i>	_____

Complete the conversations with the following phrases:

So do I Neither do I I do I don't

- 1 Natasha: I like going to concerts. Jane: So do I. Andy: So do I.
- 2 Jane: I like reading. Andy: _____ Natasha: _____
- 3 Dave: I don't like watching videos. Natasha: _____ Andy: _____
- 4 Jane: I don't like computers. Dave: _____ Andy: _____
- 5 Natasha: I love shopping. Andy: _____ Dave: _____
- 6 Andy: I love football. Dave: _____ Jane: _____