

COMMUNICATION

Everyday English

Talking about likes and dislikes

1 Listen and read the dialogue below. Pay attention to the questions and answers. 

Mi: Do you like reading books?

Ann: Yes, very much, especially books about science.

Mi: What about painting? Do you like it?

Ann: No, I don't. I'm not interested in art.

2 Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about what you like and don't like doing.

All about your hobbies

3 Answer the questions. Fill in column A with your answers.

- How much free time do you have a day?
- What do you not like doing?
- What do you like doing every day?
- What do you love doing in the summer / winter?

A (Me)	B (My friend)
Amount of free time per day:	Amount of free time per day:
Thing(s) I like doing every day:	Thing(s) he / she likes doing every day:
Thing(s) I don't like doing:	Thing(s) he / she doesn't like doing:
Thing(s) I love doing in the summer:	Thing(s) he / she loves doing in the summer:
Thing(s) I love doing in the winter:	Thing(s) he / she loves doing in the winter:

4 Now interview your friend, using the questions in 3. Write his / her answers in column B.

5 Compare your answers with your friend's. Then present them to the class.

Example:

I have one hour of free time a day, but my friend Lan has only about 30 minutes. I like listening to music every day, and Lan likes it too. I don't like exercising, but Lan does.

SKILLS 1

Reading

1 Work in pairs. Look at the picture and discuss the questions below.

1. What can you see in the picture?
2. In your opinion, what is good about gardening?



2 Read the text about gardening. Match each word in column A with its definition in column B.

People divide hobbies into four big groups: doing things, making things, collecting things, and learning things. Gardening belongs to the most popular group – doing things.

Gardening is one of the oldest outdoor activities. It has something for everyone, even for children. Gardening teaches children about flowers, fruits, and vegetables. They can also learn about insects and bugs. When gardening, children learn to be patient and take on responsibility. They learn to wait for the plants to grow to maturity. And if they don't water their plants, their plants will die. This teaches them valuable lessons about responsibility.

Gardening is also good because everyone in the family can join in and do something together. My mum and I love gardening. We usually spend an hour a day in our garden. It really makes us happy, and we love spending time together.

A	B
1. outdoor	a. a very developed form
2. patient	b. happening outside
3. responsibility	c. the duty of taking care of something
4. maturity	d. very helpful
5. valuable	e. able to wait for a long time

3 Read the text again. Complete each sentence with no more than THREE words.

1. Gardening belongs to the group of _____.
2. Gardening teaches children about flowers, fruits, vegetables, _____.
3. Gardening makes children become _____ and responsible.
4. It is an activity that everyone in the family can _____.
5. The author and her mother usually garden for _____ a day.

Speaking

4 Work in pairs. Match each hobby with its benefit(s). One hobby may have more than one benefit.

1. collecting stamps	a. develops your creativity
2. riding a horse	b. makes you strong
3. making models	c. reduces stress
	d. helps you be more patient
	e. helps your hands and eyes work well together

5 Work in groups. Ask one another the following questions. Then present your partners' answers to the class.

1. What is your favourite hobby?
2. What are its benefits?

Example:

My friend Mi's favourite hobby is collecting stamps. It helps her be more patient.