

SPEAKING

Talking about hobbies

Exercise 1

You are going to talk about hobbies and free time. Read the words below.

Free time activities and hobbies

cook	team sports	knit clothes
travel	go skiing	play cards
collect things	do pottery	play games
go jogging	drive a car/bike	paint/decorate
watch movies	go to the gym	read

Phrases and collocations

find time to do	popular with/among
have a talent	love doing sth
fond of sth/doing sth	take up a new hobby
do your best at sth	find it easy/difficult to do
interested in sth/doing sth	

Adverbs of frequency

sometimes always rarely often frequently normally

Exercise 2

Match the two parts to form 'less common' expressions of frequency.

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| 1. every | a. I can |
| 2. on a | b. other day / now and then |
| 3. whenever | c. daily basis |

Exercise 3

Now match the phrases above to the more common expressions of frequency below.

1. once every two days
2. every day
3. as often as possible
4. from time to time

Exercise 4

Complete the possible reasons why someone would do a particular hobby.

broadens in shape relax relaxing relieve

1. I find it very _____
2. It helps me _____
3. It keeps me _____
4. It _____ my knowledge
5. It helps me _____ stress.

Exercise 5

Discuss the questions below. Use as many expressions and words from the previous exercises as possible.

1. What hobbies do you enjoy in your free time?
2. Do you prefer hobbies that are relaxing or active? Why?
3. Have your hobbies changed over the years? If so, how?
4. Is there a hobby you have always wanted to try but haven't yet? Why?
5. Do you share your hobbies with your friends?
6. Do you think a hobby is different from a sport?
7. Which hobbies are the most popular in your country?
8. Do you think hobbies should be productive, or is it okay if they are just for fun?
9. Which hobbies are the most expensive and which are the cheapest?
10. How important are hobbies for a balanced life?