

Lesson

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Free time

Hobbies and free-time activities

	Task: Describing current and past hobbies and free-time activities
Skill: speaking, listening, reading, writing	

Activity 1

Look at the pictures. What activities are the different people doing?



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With a partner, think of at least 10 more typical hobbies or free-time activities.

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Think about what equipment or clothing you need to do these activities and where you can do them.

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Activity 4

Read Antonio's description of what he does in his free time. What is his hobby?

At the moment, I'm really busy at work so I don't have that much time for my passion in life, which is fishing. I absolutely love the peace and quiet that you get when you go down to the river to fish; it's just you and the water. There's no chatting, or noise or interruptions, which is so different to my job, where I'm always surrounded by people.

I would like to go fishing every day but of course that is impossible. I try to go quite regularly though, so I go at least once a week, usually on a Saturday. I live quite close to a nice place where I can fish so it is not a problem for me to get there; it's just a 20-minute walk.

The only problem is that you do need to get up early as the best fishing is in the morning. Also, there is quite a lot to carry: rod, bait, net, stool, plus lunch and an umbrella in case it rains. You do have to be prepared for bad weather when you go fishing. The weather can change very quickly, so I always take a waterproof jacket and trousers with me. The only other thing that you need is patience.

When I was younger I didn't use to like the idea of fishing because I thought it looked boring. I used to prefer much more intense and dangerous sports like mountain-biking. I used to go cycling every weekend until I hit 50, but now my body prefers the calm of the river.

Now, answer the following questions:

- 1 Does Antonio go fishing with other people? _____
- 2 How often does he go fishing? _____
- 3 Is the river handy for him? _____
- 4 What equipment do you need to go fishing? _____
- 5 Was he interested in fishing when he was younger? _____
- 6 When did he stop cycling? _____

Activity 5

Look at the extracts from the text in activity 5:

- I used to go cycling every weekend.
- I didn't use to like the idea of fishing.

Think of three free-time activities that you used to do but that you don't do now.

- I **used to**
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Now, think of three activities that you do now but that you didn't use to do.

- I **didn't use to**
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Work with a partner. Ask questions about your partner's childhood.

What questions can you ask?



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Activity 6

Think about your favourite free-time activity. Write a description of it.

Include:

- how often you do it
- where you do it
- what equipment you need
- what clothes you need
- when the best time to do it is
- why you like it.



Homework task

Finish the writing task from activity 6.