

Grammar

Review of tenses

1 Complete the text with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

When I was young, my dad ¹ _____ (always have) lots of different hobbies. He ² _____ (be) always busy doing something new. When he ³ _____ (not work), he ⁴ _____ (spend) his free time on his hobbies. One of his hobbies was his car. He ⁵ _____ (love) that car. I used to watch him when he ⁶ _____ (work) on it. One day, he ⁷ _____ (do) something to the car and he looked up and asked me, 'Why don't you get a hobby, son?' I realised I ⁸ _____ (have) no idea which hobby I wanted to do!

2 Complete the text with the present simple, present continuous or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

A hobby ¹ _____ (be) a good way to relax, but I ² _____ never _____ (have) a special interest. After trying lots of different activities, I ³ _____ finally _____ (find) my perfect hobby! So I ⁴ _____ (want) to share some advice with you. If you ⁵ _____ (not find) a hobby you enjoy yet, or if you ⁶ _____ (look) for one right now, this is what to do. You ⁷ _____ (need) to think about your personality and the things you ⁸ _____ (enjoy) doing all your life. Ask yourself: what ⁹ _____ I _____ (look for)?

3 Choose the correct alternatives.

Six steps to finding the perfect hobby

- Understand that finding your hobby ¹ *won't be/ isn't being* easy. It ² *is taking/ will take* some time.
- Think about how much free time you will have. ³ *Are you going to have/ Are you having* some free time soon or do you have lots of social arrangements? If you ⁴ *will do/ are doing* a lot in the next few weeks, maybe wait until you have some free time.
- Think about money. You need to predict how much money you ⁵ *will spend/ are spending* on the hobby.
- Consider if you ⁶ *will enjoy/ are enjoying* working alone or with other people.
- Think about what you are good at. Don't choose something that you ⁷ *won't be/ aren't being* good at.
- Remember that if you ⁸ *are going to do/ will do* the hobby, it needs to be exciting.

If you follow this advice, I'm sure you will find the right hobby for you!

4 Write sentences using the prompts. Use the correct verb forms.

- My friends / come to / my house / tonight

- I think / it / rain / tomorrow

- I / play volleyball / when / I / fall over

- On Fridays / I usually / eat / in a restaurant

- The baby / sleep / now

- Next year / I / change / jobs

- I / go to the shops / yesterday

- I / live here / all my life

Vocabulary

Hobbies and interests

5 Complete each sentence with one word.

- I really enjoy being part _____ a team. What do you suggest?
- I don't want a 'serious' hobby. Can you suggest something I can do for _____?
- Where can I learn _____ finding the right hobby?
- I'd like to try something _____, so I'm going to learn to play the piano.
- Where can I _____ out about new events in my area?
- I start hobbies but then give them _____ easily.
- I think I'm going to _____ the new art club in town.
- I love spending _____ reading, it's really relaxing.

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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- John is excited when he _____ something new.
- I've never _____ up anything in my life. I don't quit.
- I started _____ judo a few weeks ago, just for fun.
- If you _____ a club, you'll meet people who enjoy the same hobby.
- Before I started kite surfing, I _____ sure it was safe to do!
- We play together twice a week. It's nice to _____ part of a team.
- I love my new painting class! I'm _____ so much about art.
- I want to _____ more time playing football, so I'm going to join the football club.