

## Practice Listening English Exercises for A2 – Hobbies and Pastimes

**Exercise 1.** Who would most enjoy these hobbies and pastimes? Check (✓) your answers and compare them with a partner. There may be more than one answer.

	Young child	Teenager	Adult	Retired person
gardening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
cooking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
playing sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
collecting comic books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
playing video games	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
surfing the Internet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

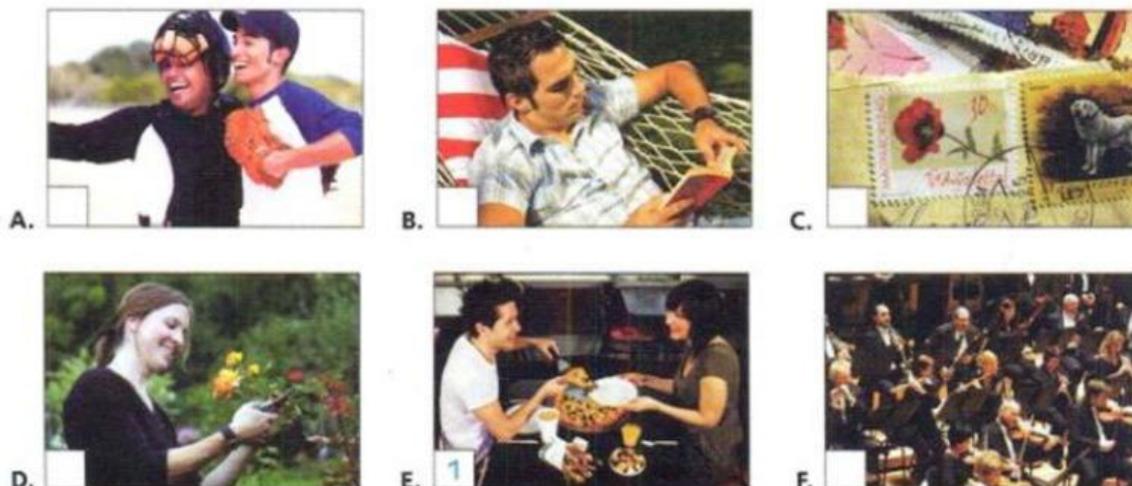
**Exercise 2.** Answer these questions about having a hobby.

Why do people have hobbies?

What is your hobby?

Which hobbies are the most popular in your country?

**Exercise 3.** People are talking about hobbies and pastimes. Listen and number the pictures. Write the correct number in the box.



**Exercise 4.** Read these sentences. Fill in the gaps with correct form of the verb. Use Present Simple.

1. I love to <b>eat out</b> . I eat at restaurants most of the time. I really _____ to eat at pizzerias.	love
2. I never used to _____ stamp collecting, but now I think it _____ great.	Like be
3. Hey, why _____ and see collection some times?	you come
4. My wife _____ I should <b>take up</b> gardening.	say
5. Well, everyone in family _____ sports - everyone, that is, except me.	love
6. I _____ chasing balls around a field.	Not like
7. My friends think I _____ really boring	be
8. We have a big garden, and she loves working in it, but the truth is, it _____ me.	bore
9. My friends and I _____ to the public library about <b>twice a week</b> .	go

**Exercise 5.** Match the words with their definition.

**Eat out**

a) more than one

**Take up**

b) to eat in a restaurant

**Twice a week**

c) to start doing a particular job or activity