

## Lesson 08: These are my hobbies

### Warm-up questions:

Do you have any hobbies? What are they?  
 Do you like to try new things?  
 What do you enjoy doing on weekends?  
 What are some popular hobbies in your country?

### Common hobbies:

Reading	Watching TV	Spending time with family
Going to the movies	Fishing	Playing on computer
Gardening	Watching movies	Walking
Exercising	Listening to music	Entertaining
Hunting	Playing team sports	Shopping
Traveling	Sleeping	Socializing
Sewing	Playing golf	Relaxing
Playing music	Housework	Crafting
Watching sports	Bicycling	Playing cards
Hiking	Cooking	Eating out
Dating online	Swimming	Camping
Skiing	Working on cars	Writing
Boating	Motorcycling	Animal care
Bowling	Painting	Running
Dancing	Horseback riding	Playing tennis
Playing billiards	Going to beach	Doing volunteer work

### Speaking Patterns:

Have you ever tried (something/doing something)?  
 Have you ever tried (eating Indian food)?  
 Have you ever tried (wind surfing)?  
 Have you ever tried (knitting)?

I enjoy (doing something) in my free time.  
 I enjoy (cooking new foods) in my free time.  
 I enjoy (doing yoga) in my free time.  
 I enjoy (painting) in my free time.

I find (something/doing something) + description  
 I find (skydiving) very exciting.  
 I find (Mexican food) to be too spicy.  
 I find (reading) to be boring.

### Discussion:

Have you ever tried...?  
 What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Why?  
 What do you find (exciting/boring/interesting/difficult/easy/relaxing)?

## Discussion Questions: Hobbies

- What is your hobby?
- How long have you had a hobby?
- Why do people have hobbies?
- Why did you start your hobby?
- Can you make money from doing your hobby?
- How many hours a week do you spend on your hobby?
- Is your hobby safe or dangerous?
- Why do people need hobbies?
- Does your hobby interfere with your work/study/personal life?
- Do you spend money on your hobby?
- Does your hobby influence your choice of friends?
- Can a hobby save a child from bad peer influence?
- Can a hobby be dangerous?
- Which hobbies are the most expensive?
- Which hobbies are the cheapest?
- Which hobbies cost nothing at all?
- Which hobbies are the most popular in your country?
- Is hunting a hobby or a sport in your country?
- Which hobbies are the most popular with women in your country? With men?
- Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?
- Can you think of any hobbies which are popular with children and adults?
- Are there any hobbies you would like to try?
- Are there any dangerous hobbies?
- Are there any hobbies you can do in other countries, but not your own?
- Which hobbies do you think are the most difficult?