



Hobbies and Interests

Questions you can ask

What do you like (to do/doing)?

What sort of hobbies do you have?

What do you get up to in your free time?

How to reply

In my free time I...

When I have some spare time I...

When I get the time, I...

I relax by watching TV / listening to music, etc.

My hobbies are bird-watching / playing sport, etc.

I'm interested in (+ noun / gerund)

I'm keen on (+ noun / gerund)

I'm into (+ noun / gerund)

I enjoy (+ noun / gerund)

You can add "really" or "quite" after "I'm..." for emphasis.

"I'm **really keen** on football."

"I'm **really into** playing golf."

Describing how often you do something. (Frequency)

I play video games every day/morning/night/weekend.

I go to the gym (number) a week/ a month/ a year.

I cook dinner every other (day/week/month/year).

Talking about hobbies in more detail

You can give more information about your hobbies and interests:

"I like arts and crafts. I'm a creative / practical person, and like doing things with my hands."

"I'm an outgoing person, and like socializing / hanging out with friends."

"I enjoy being physically active, and spend a lot of time playing sports and team games."

Saying why you like your hobby

You can also explain why you spend time on your hobby to make the conversation longer and more interesting.

“I really enjoy going to the gym because...”

...it keeps me fit.

...it is good for my health.

...it gets me out of the house, you know!

...it's sociable. I've met lots of new people.

...it gives me something interesting to do with my time.

...it's not very expensive, and anyone can do it!

“My hobbies are all creative...”

... I've always enjoyed painting and drawing.

... because my job is technical, it's good to spend time doing something different.

... I enjoy spending time making things like clothes.

Speaking Activity:

Find out at your classmates hobbies and interests. Try to ask follow up questions and get as much information as you can. Be prepared to share what you have learned about your classmate.