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Hobbies



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These are the kind of questions you might get on this topic

Part 1

Do you have a hobby?

What equipment do you need for it?

Why do you think people have hobbies?

What hobbies are popular in your country?

Part 2

Describe a leisure activity that you do with your family

Some useful Links

Great list of hobbies with definitions and pictures

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_hobbies

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VOCABULARY AND EXPRESSIONS

WHAT IS A HOBBY?

Hobby - interest - pastime - leisure activity

Do you have a hobby?

Yes, I do.

Note: It's really natural English to answer this question with 'Yes, I do' / 'No, I don't'. Rather than just 'yes' or 'no'.

I like **doing yoga**

I am obsessed with **doing yoga**

I'm passionate about **doing yoga**

I am fascinated by **doing yoga**

I like to **dabble** in the kitchen

I like to **dabble** in cooking

I enjoy watching films, if that counts.

I enjoy watching films, if you can consider that a hobby

I draw/play chess/take photos... just for fun

Brisk walking is my thing

I'm a bit of a cricketer/painter/stamp collector...

I'm an **amateur** chef/phoTOgrapher/painter...

I'm an **aficionado** of films (a lover of...)

I love to crochet

I love to listen to music (emphasises habit)

I love listening to music (emphasises action / enjoyment)

*Note: We can use both to talk about hobbies. The first might be slightly better if the hobby is also a habit (i.e. you do it regularly)
The same applies to 'like'.*

No, I don't have a hobby.

*Note: You don't want to just say 'no'. Start to develop your answers.
For example...*

No, but I am looking into jogging ...

(look into = investigate/research/find out about)

Note: you can use complex grammar really easily just by using the following Present Perfect Continuous tense

No, but **I've been** looking into ...yoga

No, but I am thinking about taking up jogging

(to take up = to start (a hobby))

No, but I am **thinking** about **starting** jogging

Note: Again, you can use complex grammar really easily just by using the following Present Perfect Continuous tense

No, but **I've been thinking** about taking up...yoga

No, but I'd like to try...yoga

No, but I'd like to try my hand at...

(to try my hand at... = to have a go = to try (something new))

Some of your most popular hobbies!

Reading
Travelling
Cooking
Gardening
Watching films
Running
Fishing
Writing poetry
Doing origami

What equipment do you need for it?

Equipment is uncountable. (Similar to these NOUNS - advice, news, information)

You don't need **much** equipment to go jogging

You only need **one** main **piece** of equipment, and that's a camera

For photography, **a** camera **is a prerequisite**

For photography, **a** camera **is essential**

I just need **a** camera and **I am good to go**

I just need **a** camera and **I am all set**

Note: Remember each item/piece of equipment needs an article 'a' or to be in the plural. For example....

The only thing I need is **a** bat and **a** ball

I only need **a** bat and **balls**

I need lots of **utensils** for cooking

I don't need any sophisticated **gadgets** for reading

A Kindle is **a** useful **device** for reading

Why do you think people have hobbies?

It has a **calming effect**

It's a great **stress buster**

It helps us **relieve our stress**

It helps me **unwind / chill out / lay back / kick back**

It's just a way **to kill time**

It's a way to **socialise**

When you get **in the zone** - you can **disconnect** from work / from your daily routine

It's very **grounding** (brings you down to earth/back to nature)
to work with your hands

Get **back to nature**

It feels **fulfilling** - satisfying

To discover and **showcase** their **hidden talent**

It can **increase our productivity**

To enables us to **grow and develop**

It can be a **channel** to **express our creativity**

To **preserve** our **mental health**

Some hobbies help us **keep healthy**

It can help me **stay in shape**