

Maturita Card 32:

Free Time and Entertainment

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● When do you have the most free time?

I have... the most free time after school / free time only during the week / on weekdays... because I have to study for school / help at home / look after my younger brother / work on the weekend... I have free time only at the weekends because I... work after school / always have lots of homework during the week. I don't have much / any free time during the day / the week.

● How do you (like to) spend your free time? / What do you (like to) do in your free time?

In my free / spare time I like / enjoy... reading / shopping / going... to the cinema / to the disco. When I... get the time / have some spare / free time, I usually... surf the internet / spend time on the computer / play computer games / read a book / walk my dog / stay at home with my family and cook meals / chat with friends / listen to music / play sports. I have many hobbies, so in my free time I like to sew / cook / fish / dance / garden / draw / paint / play a musical instrument. I like pop culture, so in my free time I like to read about celebrities and see new films. I enjoy being physically active, and spend a lot of time playing sports and team games.

● If you had more free time, what would you do with it?

I'd read all / some of the / at least one of the books I have bought but haven't had time to read yet. / If I had more (free) time, I'd (definitely)... sign up for a language course / start learning French / spend more time with my friends / get back to collecting stamps / commit to volunteer work / finish all the projects I've started and run out of time to finish / try to get into better shape / get better at playing the guitar. There are so many places I would like to explore so I'd definitely travel around the world. I am an outdoor type of person and I would use that time to explore new places with my friends.

● Do you prefer spending your free time alone or in the company of other people? / Who do you like to spend your leisure time with?

It depends on the activity and also on my mood. Usually, I spend my free time with friends / my... girlfriend / boyfriend. I prefer spending / I love to spend my free time alone / with... my friends / my family / my dog because...

● If it were suddenly announced that tomorrow was a free day at school, what would you do?

I would... sleep late and then go out... with my friends / dancing at my favourite club. I'd spend the day... shopping / studying / doing nothing.

● What kind of holidays do you enjoy?

I enjoy active holidays, I like to travel / camp / be outside / see new places. I like to go on holiday with my family, we always go abroad in the summer. I like to go to cities and go sightseeing, especially museums and historic sites. I prefer relaxing holidays, I like to stay home and spend time with my friends / sleep / relax / go to our cottage. When I travel abroad, I prefer to go camping in the countryside / visit smaller towns. I don't like big cities. They are too noisy / polluted / have too many people.

● What kind of things do you like to read?

I don't like to read. I have too much reading to do for school. I like to read fiction / nonfiction. I like fantasy / mystery / romance / history / biographies. I don't like to read books, but I read a lot of magazines / newspapers.

● Would you rather go to a disco, a party, or hiking? Why?

I would prefer to go to a disco, I love music and dancing and discos are a great place to meet other people who like to do the same. For me, I like to go to parties. You can hang out with your friends, most parties are relaxing and often you will meet new people. I would rather go hiking. I love to be outside, in the fresh air and getting some exercise. It's an activity I can do with my friends, family or by myself.

● Do you spend free time with your family? What do you do together?

Yes, my family and I spend free time together at the weekend / on holidays. At the weekend we spend a lot of time at our cottage / biking / skiing / cleaning the house. On holiday we like to travel / go camping / see our relatives. No, my family and I don't spend time together because we have different interests / my parents work a lot. I would rather be with my friends.

● Do people's leisure activities change as they get older?

Yes, because when you are younger you want to be with your friends. You like to play sports, stay out late, go to clubs and concerts. When you are older, you may be married and have a family and do different activities with your kids or spouse / husband / wife. Also when you are older, you have more money so you can travel more and do other activities that cost money like going to the theatre. You also have to work when you are older, so you might not have much time for leisure activities.