**Todd**: So, Meg, what do you like to do in your free time?

**Meg**: Actually, I love cooking. I like to try new dishes and I love baking as well.

**Todd**: Oh, nice. That's interesting. Because I hate cooking.

**Meg**: Oh, really?

**Todd**: Yeah. And I don't know anything about baking, but I like cleaning. Cleaning is relaxing.

**Meg**: Really? Is that true?

**Todd**: Yeah. Really, I like cleaning. So, my house is usually very clean.

**Meg**: My house is usually clean also, but I don't like cleaning very much.

**Todd**: Yeah, I think most people don't like cleaning. But some people think cleaning is relaxing. Like me.

**Meg**: That's true. What else do you like to do?

**Todd**: Well, I like exercising. I like going to the gym. I like listening to podcasts. So, I listen to a lot of podcasts a lot. I like surfing the internet. And sometimes, I enjoy reading books.

**Meg**: I also enjoy reading books when I have time.

**Todd**: But these days, I often listen to books instead. I listen to audio books.

**Meg**: Oh really?

**Todd**: Yeah, I like listening to audio books.

**Meg**: Why?

**Todd**: Because I can exercise at the same time.

**Meg**: So, exercising and reading at the same time.

**Todd**: Yeah, it's fun. So, I love jogging and I go jogging almost every day, usually for one hour. I listen to audio books when I jog.

**Meg**: So, you can do two things at once.

**Todd**: Very important. Multitasking. I love multitasking.

**Meg**: Sounds like you're good at multitasking.

**Todd**: Let's talk about outdoor activities. Do you like doing yard work?

**Meg**: I don't ***especially*** like doing yard work. But right now, I don't have a yard. So, doing yard work isn't something I have to worry about. What about you?

**Todd**: I like doing yard work. I think it's very relaxing. It's like cleaning. So, I enjoy it. But like you, I don't have a yard. So, now I don't do yard work very much. Or I can't do yard work.

**Meg**: So, you like gardening if you have a yard?

**Todd**: Yeah. I grew up on a big house. So, we have lots of yard work, lots of gardening. So, yeah.

**Meg**: Right.

**Todd**: But what about other things like hiking, do you like hiking?

**Meg**: I love hiking. Anything that is in nature, I love doing. I love hiking. I love kayaking. I love canoing. Any outdoor sports. Do you like hiking?

**Todd**: I do. ***I'm with you***. I love hiking. What about things like rock climbing?

**Meg**: I have never been rock climbing. Have you gone rock climbing?

**Todd**: No. Rock climbing looks dangerous. So, I'm still scared.

**Meg**: Yeah,

**Todd**: So, I've never done rock climbing either. What about things like singing and dancing? Do you enjoy singing and dancing?

**Meg**: I enjoy singing, but I'm not very good at it. So, I like singing when I'm alone or in my car. Are you good at singing?

**Todd**: No, I'm terrible at singing. So, I hate singing. I really, really hate singing. But I like going to karaoke and listening to people sing.

**Meg**: Yeah, some people are really good at singing. What about dancing?

**Todd**: I hate dancing too. Yeah, I'm not good at dancing. So, dancing is very embarrassing for me. I don't like it.

**Meg**: I'm not good at dancing ***either***.

**Todd**: Are there any other activities you really dislike doing? Like for me, I hate writing letters. For example, I don't like writing thank you letters. I don't like writing anything with my hand. Typing is okay. I ***don't mind*** typing things, but I hate writing.

**Meg**: So, using your hand to write, you hate writing?

**Todd**: Yeah, I like typing. Fingers is okay. Thumb is okay on the phone. I don't mind texting, I don't mind typing. I just don't like physically writing with a pencil or a pen.

**Meg**: Yeah. Pen or a pencil, like writing a letter.

**Todd**: Right. Because my writing is really bad, and it's hard to read. So, it's embarrassing.

**Meg**: I'm sure it's fine.

**Todd**: Yeah. How about you? For example, do you like to iron in your clothes?

**Meg**: I don't like having my clothes, but my clothes usually don't need ironing, so I don't have to worry about it too much. I don't like doing laundry. It's related to ironing clothes. So, it takes a long time. And the clothes, I have to dry the clothes. So, doing laundry is a little bit boring for me.

**Todd**: I don't mind doing laundry if I go to the coin laundry, but I hate hanging my laundry out. I hate hanging out my laundry. It ***takes forever***. I don't know why, you put it out, you take it back in, it just takes so much time.

**Meg**: That's funny. ***I'm kind of the opposite***. I don't mind hanging out my laundry, because I like saving money, so I don't have to use money at the coin laundry.

**Todd**: Plus, you are helping the environment.

**Meg**: That's true. I like helping the earth.

**Todd**: Yeah, I should change. Okay. Thanks Meg.

**Meg**: Yeah.

**Vocabulary from the Lesson**

**especially**

****I don't ***especially*** like doing yard work.

The adverb 'especially' shows a stronger feeling about one thing compared to other things. Notice the following:

1. I love playing sports, especially basketball.
2. I do not like scary movies, especially ones about ghosts.

**I'm with you**

***I'm with you***. I love hiking.

Here, the phrase 'I'm with you' means the person has the same opinion or feeling about something. Notice the following:

1. Oh, you don't like Marvel movies. I'm with you. I hate them.
2. I'm with you. I don't like going to Karaoke either.

**either**

****I'm not good at dancing ***either***.

The word 'either' is similar to 'too' or 'also' and it is used to show that two negative things are similar or related. Notice the following:

1. I cannot drive. My wife cannot drive either.
2. She does not work on Saturdays. I don't either.

**don't mind**

****I ***don't mind*** typing things, but I hate writing.

When you don't mind doing something that means you do not dislike it. You might not love it, but you do not dislike it. Notice the following:

1. I don't mind working on the holidays.
2. I don't mind taking the bus to work. I can read on my commute.

**it takes forever**

****It ***takes forever***.

When something takes forever that means it takes a very long time. Notice the following:

1. It takes forever to drive across town on weekends due to traffic.
2. If you want to lose weight, it might take forever, but be patient.

**kind of the opposite**

****That's funny. ***I'm kind of the opposite***.

Here, when someone says they are the opposite that means they have a different, or opposite, feeling about something. Notice the following:

1. My wife loves staying home, but I'm kind of the opposite.
2. My dad is very talkative, but mom is kind of the opposite.

Vocabulary Quiz

**especially • with you • either  
mind • takes forever**

Top of Form

1. Most people don't  waiting in line, but not for too long .
2. I agree. I'm  on that point.
3. I like surfing, but it  to get to the beach.
4. I love sports,  team sports like soccer.
5. I do not like golf, and my wife does not like it  .

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