

30 Day English Speaking Challenge: Family

Week 2: Activities – Day 9: Hobbies

Question: What hobbies have you picked up as you've gotten older?

Vocabulary:

1. Hobbies: *activities that are usually done during free or leisure time for pleasure*

I could charge money for some of my paintings but I prefer to paint pictures as a **hobby**.

2. Picked up: *in this context picked up is a phrasal verb that means to start doing something or to learn how to do a new skill or activity*

I learned how to sew when I was a little girl but I didn't **pick up** knitting until I became an adult.

Vanessa's answer:

As I've gotten older, one **hobby** that I've **picked up** is gardening. I learned a lot about gardening when Dan and I volunteered on some organic farms in France many years ago. Now I have a big garden in our backyard, and even though not every plant is successful, I love walking through the garden and seeing what's growing well, what's getting ripe soon, what's not doing well. It's just an enjoyable way to spend time outdoors.