**HOBBIES**

**SPEAKING**

**Part 1 - Questions and Answers**

*1. Questions you can ask:*

1. [What are your hobbies?](http://www.talkenglish.com/audio871/AudioTE1/L32/sentence/L32S1.mp3)
2. [What do you do in your spare time?](http://www.talkenglish.com/audio871/AudioTE1/L32/sentence/L32S2.mp3)
3. [What do you like to do?](http://www.talkenglish.com/audio871/AudioTE1/L32/sentence/L32S3.mp3)
4. [What do you like to do for fun?](http://www.talkenglish.com/audio871/AudioTE1/L32/sentence/L32S4.mp3)
5. [If you had extra time, what would you do with it?](http://www.talkenglish.com/audio871/AudioTE1/L32/sentence/L32S5.mp3)
6. Does your hobby help you relax? If yes, how does it help you relax?
7. Would you like to try something dangerous, like skydiving? How about rock climbing? Why/not?
8. Would you like to try something quiet, like chess? Why/not?
9. How often do you do you hobby? Is this enough? Please explain.
10. What were your hobbies when you were younger? And now?
11. What hobby or activity would you want to try someday? Why do you want to try it?
12. What hobby or activity would you definitely never want to try someday? Why don't you want to try it?
13. Does your best friend, boy/girlfriend, or husband/wife have the same hobbies as you?
14. Can you think of any strange hobbies? Why are these hobbies strange?
15. Do you have any embarrassing hobbies? If yes, do you want to talk about them?
16. What would you like to try before you die? Please explain.
17. What have you tried but didn't like? Please explain.
18. What do hobbies and interests tell about a person?
19. What do your hobbies and interests tell about you?
20. Imagine how your hobbies would change if you had $10,000,000. Please explain.

#### 2. How to reply

*Examiner: What are your hobbies?*

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 (really) keen on (+ noun / gerund)  
I'm (really) into (+ noun / gerund)  
I enjoy (+ noun / gerund)

I don't really do anything in my spare time.

In winter, I do quite a lot of skiing. (do… a bit of…)

*3. Examples:*

1. **What do you think are the most popular types of hobbies in India?**

For males it is probably cricket or football. For females I think it is either shopping or travelling.

1. **Why do you think these hobbies are so popular?**

Because, I think you need balance in life. The working life is quite hard, and one needs balance to be able to go back to work the next day. These hobbies help people to relax a bit and then give their best at work. Also sports is a good way of releasing stress, so they prefer it.

1. **What do you think are the social benefits of hobbies?**

Well, it depends on what your hobby is. For instance, if you have a hobby of reading, you are usually doing it alone and there is no such social benefits but if you are doing something like playing soccer or cricket, you are interacting with lots of people and get to know how to interact with people and make friends. It helps in exchanging ideas and opinions’ and more importantly more about them from inside.

1. **Do you think there are any dangers in spending lot of time with hobbies?**

Well, if you are spending more time in your hobby rather than your work or may be family, it could turn quite upside for you. You may end up losing some important relationships.

1. **When do you get time to pursue your hobbies?**

My hobbies are reading books and listening to music. I can pursue both at my workplace as well as at my home.I get some breaks of a few minutes at my office to pursue my hobbies.However,I get more time for the same at home during weekends and on holidays.

1. **How have your hobbies benefited you?**

My hobbies have given immense benefits to me. Reading books has helped me in understanding life with a better insight.I have learned and implemented the knowledge from books both in my life and in my profession,which has enhanced my success at all levels. Next,music has always kept me fresh and energized,which is very important for someone in the teaching profession.

1. **What type of hobbies do people of your generation usually have?**

People of my generation prefer to read books,listen to music,travel,watch movies and so on. Besides,there are a few activities emerging as hobbies too,for example, surfing and chatting on the internet,playing games on mobiles and computers.

1. **Why do hobbies keep changing from generation to generation?**  
   I think changes in lifestyle and advancements in technology are instrumental behind the shift of hobbies over generations. They offer more options to people to choose from and to pursue. For example, we can use internet as a means to pursue our hobby, which was not available at all before a few decades.
2. **What type of hobbies will the future generation have?**  
   I think most hobbies of future generations will be based on technology. People will pay virtual games, will travel in space, will explore areas of ocean, make friends online and share their lives with them.

**j. If you had an opportunity to pick up a hobby then what would it be and why?**  
Answer : If I had an opportunity to pick up a hobby, it would be a musical instrument might be a guitar or a piano.I have great affinity for these musical instrument and even today I regard the artist who play such instrument with great respect.I will learn to play them in future If I get a chance.

**k. How are hobbies useful to u?**  
Hobbies are useful to u in many way.We can pass our time in a creative manner, which helps us in gaining expertise in other areas of life.At times, hobbies can also help us in earning fame and fortune.For example , a friend of mine had painting as hid hobby.He is now able to sell his painting and earns a handsome amount from them.

**l. Do not you think that hobbies are a waste of time?**

I do not think hobbies are a waste of time.On the contrary, it is a creative utilization of our time By pursuing hobbies we can actually develop our hidden abilities, which is very important for all-round development.

### Part 2 - Describe a hobby

*Think about question words: What, when, where, why, who with:*

What: One of my hobbies is photography.

When and where: I take photos on my phone almost every day, and I have a proper camera that I use on special occasions. If I see something interesting or I want to record a particular memory, I take photos wherever I am.

Why: I take photos so that I have a record of the things I’ve seen or done.

Who with: Most of my photos are of friends and family, but I also take pictures of interesting things that I see.

*Describe opinions and feelings:*

I like photography because it’s a creative hobby and it makes you notice the world around you. I love capturing special moments or unusual or beautiful images, and it’s a great feeling to be able to look back through my pictures and relive different experiences. These memories usually cheer me up.

*Tell a story related to the topic:*

The last time I took photos on a special occasion was at my friend’s wedding a few weeks ago. I got some great pictures of the bride and groom and their guests celebrating. After the wedding I made an album of all the best pictures and sent it to my friend as a present.

### Part 3 – Tell me about your hobbies