

Speaking

Part 1

Tell about a sport that is interesting to you. What is it? Do you like to play this sport yourself? Do you follow professional teams?

Figure skating is a sport that's interesting to me. I don't do it myself, it's much too hard, but I enjoy watching professional skaters. I often watch the national and regional competitions.

Why do you like this sport?

I like it because it takes a lot of skill and grace. It's beautiful to see. And I really admire the skaters. It takes a lot of discipline to be a champion skater.

Do you enjoy playing sports or doing other outdoor activities? Why or why not?

I don't play sports much. I like watching skating, but I don't skate myself. I'm not really interested in soccer or other ball sports. I like to go bike riding, though. I guess that's my sport. Whenever the weather is nice, I try to get outside on my bike. It feels good to be outside and get some exercise. It makes me feel relaxed and healthy.

In your city or town, what kinds of places are available for sports and other outdoor activities?

We have a lot of parks and most of them have a soccer field or a baseball diamond or a basketball court, or something like that. They also have walking trails and biking trails. The city also runs a few public swimming pools, though they can get very crowded. If you take a short trip outside of the city, you can find lots of opportunities for hiking and biking.

What kinds of things do you enjoy doing on weekends?

I'm so busy during the week that on weekends I just want to relax. I like to have a lot of unscheduled time to just rest, maybe read, take a walk, talk to friends, just little things like that.

Do you generally prefer to spend a day off from work or school at home, or do you like to go out to other places? Why?

Generally, I prefer to spend my days off at home. It's easier to relax that way. But I like to go out, too, to see my friends. Sometimes we meet at a café or at the movies. If I can relax at home all day, then it's fun to go out in the evening with my friends.

Who do you like to spend time with on your days off?

I like to spend time with some of my close friends. I'm not married and my family isn't nearby, but I have some close friends that I enjoy spending time with. We have a favorite restaurant that we like to go to. We usually eat there on Saturdays.

Part 2

Everyone says I'm a lot like my dad, because we look a lot alike. But, truthfully, I'm a lot more like my mom. Part of the reason my mom and I are so similar is that we spend so much time together. Besides spending one year abroad, I've lived with my mom for my whole life. My parents split up ten years ago, and ever since then my mom and I became very close.

My mom and I have the same taste in a lot of things, such as food, fashion, and literature. We both love to eat spicy food, and we both love to bake sweets. Oh, and neither of us ever start the day without our morning cup of green tea. It was weird when I first realized/realised that I could borrow my mom's clothes. I guess she's always just kept up with modern fashion unlike some of my friends' mothers. We both like long skirts and warm sweaters and neither of us ever wear jeans. My mom and I both like to read as well. Ever since I was little my mother always read to me before bed. Sometimes she still reads out loud to me just for fun.