

Hobbies Vocabulary List

Word	Phonetic Transcription	Word Form	Definition	Test Your Knowledge
Adrenaline junkie	ə <u>dr</u> ɛnəlɪn <u>dʒ</u> ʌŋki	Noun	A person who likes adventure	Are you an adrenaline junkie? Why/not?
Amateur	<u>æ</u> mətə:	Adjective Noun	Non-professional but good	Are you an amateur at any skill?
Appeal	ə <u>pi:</u> l	Noun (adj: appealing)	Something that creates interest	Which hobbies have a wide appeal?
Art buff	ɑ:t bʌf	Noun	A person who likes art	Are you an art buff? Why/not?
Avid	<u>æ</u> vid	Adjective	Enthusiastic	Are you an avid musician?
To be at risk of sth	tu: bi: æt risk ɒv	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To have the possibility of something	Does your job put you at risk of anything?
To be fond of sth	tu: bi: fɒnd ɒv	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To like	Are you fond of cooking?
To be good at sth	tu: bi: gʊd æt	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable (opp: to be bad at sth)	To do something easily and well	What are you good at?
To be into sth	tu: bi: <u>ɪ</u> ntu:	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To like	What are you into?
To be keen on sth	tu: bi: ki:n ɒn	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To like	What are you keen on?

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To be worth	tu: bi: wɜ:θ	Phrase +gerund	To gain something	<i>Do you think it's worth investing money in new hobbies?</i>
Bookworm	buk wɜ:m	Noun	A person who likes reading and books	<i>Are you a bookworm? Why/not?</i>
To break the bank	tu: breɪk ðə bæŋk	Phrase	To be very expensive and unaffordable	<i>Do you think hobbies break the bank?</i>
Childhood	tʃaɪld hʊd	Noun (person: child)	The period of life when you are young	<i>Did you enjoy your childhood?</i>
Competitively	kəm pɛt ɪtɪvli	Adverb	In a way to beat other people	<i>Do you do anything competitively?</i>
Computer whizzkid	kəm pju: tə wɪz kɪd	Noun	A person who is good with computers	<i>Are you a computer whizzkid? Why/not?</i>
Couch potato	kaʊtʃ pə tet əʊ	Noun	A person who is lazy	<i>Are you a couch potato? Why/not?</i>
Daunting	də: ntɪŋ	Adjective	Intimidating / scary	<i>What do you find daunting? Why?</i>
To deal with sth	tu: di:l wɪð	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To do something / take action	<i>Do you think it's better to deal with problems or ignore them? Why?</i>
Eager	i: gə	Adjective	Enthusiastic	<i>Are you an eager reader?</i>
Emotional attachment	ɪməʊ ʃənl ə tætʃ mənt	Noun	Strong affection for sth	<i>Is emotional attachment a good thing?</i>
Film buff	fɪlm bʌf	Noun	A person who likes and knows a lot about films	<i>Are you a film buff? Why/not?</i>

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Financial drain	fai <u>ɪ</u> nænfəl dreɪn	Noun	Very expensive	<i>Provide some examples of typical financial drains.</i>
Foodie	<u>fu</u> :di	Noun	A person who appreciates good food	<i>Are you a foodie? Why/not?</i>
Geek	gi:k	Noun	A person who is intellectual and an expert in one area	<i>Are you a geek? Why/not?</i>
To get a thrill out of sth	tu: ɡet ə θrɪl aʊt ɒv	Phrase	To get satisfaction	<i>What do you get a thrill out of?</i>
To give sth a go	tu: ɡɪv ... ə ɡəʊ	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To try	<i>Would you ever give knitting a go? Why/not?</i>
To give up sth (to give sth up)	tu: ɡɪv ʌp	Phrasal verb Transitive, separable	To stop	<i>Have you given up anything recently?</i>
To go for sth	tu: ɡəʊ fɔ:	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To fully commit to sth	<i>Have you ever gone for something new before?</i>
Guilty pleasure	<u>ɡɪ</u> lti <u>plɛ</u> ʒə	Noun	Something you enjoy even if it's not good	<i>What are your guilty pleasures?</i>
Gym bunny	dʒɪm <u>bʌ</u> ni	Noun	A person who likes going to the gym	<i>Are you a gym bunny? Why/not?</i>
To immerse	tu: <u>ɪm</u> ɜ:s	Verb Immerse sb into sth	To involve deeply	<i>Do you think we should immerse ourselves into our hobbies? Why/not?</i>

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To impose	tu: ɪmˈpəʊz	Verb Impose sth on sb	To force	<i>Provide an example of something imposed on you.</i>
To join in	tu: dʒɔɪn ɪn	Phrasal verb Intransitive / transitive Inseparable	To participate in	<i>Do you join in any group activities?</i>
Keen	ki:n	Adjective	Enthusiastic	<i>Are you a keen traveller?</i>
To keep fit	tu: ki:p fɪt	Phrase	To stay active and do exercise	<i>Do you keep fit?</i>
To keep sth up (to keep up sth)	tu: ki:p ... ʌp	Phrasal verb Transitive, separable	To continue	<i>Do you think it's hard to keep a musical instrument up?</i>
To let off steam	tu: lət ɒf sti:m	Phrase +by + gerund	To destress	<i>How do you let off steam?</i>
Loyalty	ˈlɔɪəlti	Noun	Faithfulness	<i>Which brands do you show loyalty to?</i>
To monetise sth	tu: mʌnɪtaɪz	Verb	To make money off sth	<i>Is it a good idea to monetise your hobby?</i>
Order	ˈɔ:də	Noun	(Legal) control	<i>How is order kept in your country?</i>
To overdo sth	tu: əʊvəˈdu:	Verb	To do too much of sth	<i>Have you ever overdone something before?</i>
To pack sth in (to pack in sth)	tu: pæk ... ɪn	Phrasal verb Transitive, separable	To stop	<i>Have you packed anything in recently?</i>

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Pride	praɪd	Noun To have pride in/of sth (adj: proud)	A feeling of satisfaction from an achievement	<i>What do you have pride in?</i>
Procrastination	prəʊkræstɪneɪʃən	Noun (vb: to procrastinate)	Delaying or postponing sth	<i>Provide examples of activities for procrastination.</i>
Self-drive	sɛlf-draɪv	Noun	Ambition	<i>Do you show self-drive at work?</i>
Sheer	ʃɪə	Adjective	Pure, complete	<i>What activities do you do for sheer enjoyment?</i>
To show sth off (to show off sth)	tu: ʃəʊ ... ɒf	Phrasal verb Transitive, separable	To display because you are good	<i>What skills could you easily show off?</i>
To spend time	tu: spɛnd taɪm	Phrase +gerund	To do / to use your time	<i>Do you spend much time reading?</i>
To stick to sth	tu: stɪk tu:	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To continue with sth	<i>Why should people stick to learning English?</i>
To take lessons in sth	tu: teɪk lɛsnz ɪn	Phrasal verb Transitive, inseparable	To have class	<i>Are you taking lessons in anything at the moment?</i>
To take sb's mind off sth	tu: teɪk ... maɪnd ɒf	Phrase +gerund	To stop thinking about sth	<i>What do you do to take your mind off work?</i>
To take the plunge	tu: teɪk ðə plʌndʒ	Phrase	To fully commit to sth	<i>Have you ever taken a plunge into something new and scary?</i>

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To tend	tu: tənd	Verb To + infinitive	Usually, normally	<i>What do you tend to do at weekends?</i>
Time-consuming	taɪm -kən'sju:miŋ	Adjective	Uses a lot of your time	<i>Are hobbies time-consuming? Why/not?</i>
To try out sth (to try sth out)	tu: traɪ aʊt	Phrasal verb Transitive, separable	To attempt / try	<i>Which new hobbies would you like to try out?</i>
To unwind	tu: ʌn waɪnd	Verb	To relax	<i>How do you unwind?</i>
To wane	tu: weɪn	Verb	To decrease / disappear	<i>Does passion for hobbies wane over time?</i>
A way around sth	ə weɪ ə raʊnd	Phrase	A method to sort a problem, perhaps in a different way	<i>Do you think there is a way around trying out expensive hobbies?</i>