

**Topic: Hobbies**

**Let's get started...**

Did you have any free time today? What did you do during your free time?

**Background:**

Many people spend their free time doing hobbies. Popular hobbies include reading, traveling, playing sports, sewing, taking pictures, and singing. Hobbies are usually very important to people because doing hobbies helps people relax and enjoy life. Some people love their hobbies so much that they make their hobby into a job. Other people don't have enough time to spend doing their hobbies.



**In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:**

Think about your favorite hobby.

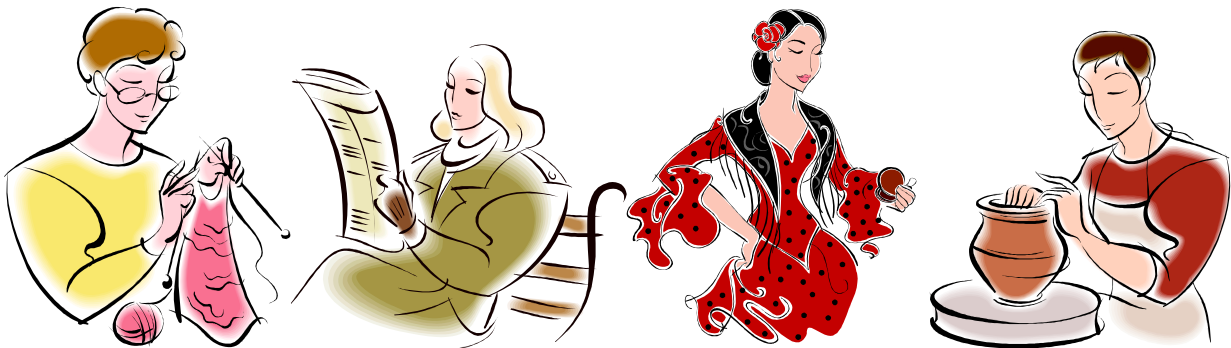
What is your favorite hobby?

When did you start doing this hobby?

Where do you do this hobby?

How often do you do this hobby?

Do you need any special materials or equipment to do this hobby?



**Share your partner's answers with the group.**

**Discussion Questions:**

Do you think hobbies are important? Why or why not?

What are common hobbies in your native country?

Do people have a lot of free time in your native country?

In your native country, do people usually have many hobbies or few hobbies?

Do you do the same hobbies in America that you did in your native country?

Which is more important to you: enjoying a hobby or perfecting a hobby?

Do you like to try new hobbies? What is the newest hobby you have tried? Did you enjoy it? Are you still doing this hobby?

What is a hobby you would like to try? Why? Do you have any plans to try it?

Do you prefer to do hobbies alone or in groups? Why?

What are some examples of expensive hobbies? What are some examples of cheap hobbies?

What are some hobbies you refuse to try?

What hobbies do you think are dangerous?

What hobbies do you think are boring?

Do you prefer outdoor or indoor hobbies? Why?

If you had no other commitments, how many hours each day would you spend doing hobbies?

Have you ever been to a hobby shop? What kinds of things are sold in a hobby shop?

Have you ever had a collection? Why did you start collecting? How many objects did you collect?

What is your favorite kind of game? (For example, sports, board games, cards) How often do you play these games?

What is the strangest hobby you have ever heard of?

Would you rather watch a movie or read a book? Why?

What are some activities that some people think are hobbies and other people think are not hobbies? (For example, cooking, reading, traveling, sewing)

How do you learn more information about your favorite hobby? (For example, reading books, watching television programs, taking classes, or talking with friends)

**New words and Idioms:**

Materials, equipment, perfecting, dangerous, boring, commitments, collection, objects