

**Topic: Hobbies**

**Let's get started . . .** What do you like to do in your free time? What is your favorite hobby?

**Story:** Jack Foley loves to ride a bike (bicycle). Jack Foley rode his bike to work for 20 years. He does simple repairs to his bike. Riding and fixing bikes is Jack's hobby. But recently, Jack lost his job. He thought, "What do I do now?"



Jack decided to try a new career and went to school to become a bicycle mechanic. He moved from Connecticut to Oregon and attended school at the United Bicycle Institute. After only two weeks, he became certified as a beginning level bicycle mechanic. Now, he can get a job at a bicycle repair shop. Jack is excited because his hobby and his career are the same. Do you think it's good to combine a career and a hobby? Why or why not?

Look at the pictures below. What are these people doing? What are their hobbies?



**In pairs for 10 minutes, ask and answer these questions:**

What do you like to do for fun? How long have you had this hobby? What do some of your family members like to do for fun?

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

**Ask 3 people in your class if they have the following hobbies:**

What is your name?	Do you like to play sports? 	Do you like to watch TV? 	Do you like to garden? 	Do you like to travel? 
(Example) <b>Jani</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

**Discussion Questions - Talk in pairs or small groups. Change groups from time to time.**

What did you do in your free time when you were a child? Is it different than what your children or grandchildren do in their free time? Explain.

What are some common hobbies in your home country? What are some common hobbies in the United States?

In your home country in the elementary (primary) schools, do children have "recess"? What do they do at recess? How much time do they get for recess?

Do you have mostly indoor hobbies, or outdoor hobbies? Can some be done both indoors and outdoors? (Example: reading)

What do you like to do to relax? Is this the same as a hobby, or different? Explain.

Do you have any hobbies that you do alone? Do you have any hobbies that you do with others?

What are some hobbies that can be expensive? What are some hobbies that are cheap, or free?

When do you most often have free time? Weekends? After work? In the winter?

Is there any hobby that your whole family likes to do? What makes a hobby fun for people of all ages?



**New vocabulary:** hobby, bicycle, bike, repair, fix, certified, mechanic, free time, elementary school, recess, bowling, stamp collecting, playing video games, golfing, going for a walk, going shopping.

**Keep talking about it this week:** Ask your family members and friends what they do for fun. Share your ideas with the Talk Time group next week.

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