

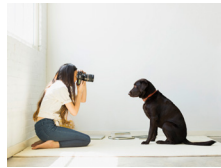
Language for ...

hobbies

1 Warmer

Ask and answer the following questions with a partner:

- What do you understand by the word hobby?
- What hobbies did you have when you were a child?
- What hobbies do you have now?



Match the words in the left-hand column with those in the right-hand column to make collocations.

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| 1 do | a foreign language |
| 2 play | bread |
| 3 learn | a hobby |
| 4 bake | a musical instrument |

2 Text and listening

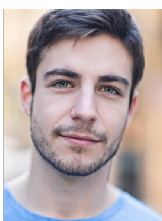
a Choose the correct word. Then listen to the recording and check your answers.

- 1 A hobby is something you do for **enjoy / enjoyment**.
- 2 It is also something you do **regular / regularly**.
- 3 People also do hobbies to **relax / rest**.
- 4 It is often fun to take **up / on** a new hobby.
- 5 A hobby can be a good way to take your **mind / thoughts** off things.
- 6 If you want to play a musical instrument, it is a good idea to **take / use** lessons.
- 7 If you enjoy **cooking / baking**, you make bread and cakes.
- 8 Someone who reads a lot is an **avid / eager** reader.

b Listen to the recording and complete the sentences with either Jane (the woman) or Steve (the man).



- 1 _____ understands a hobby as something you enjoy doing but don't get paid for.
- 2 _____ understands a hobby as something you do outside work time.
- 3 _____ takes up a hobby to learn something new.
- 4 _____'s first hobby was playing football as a child.
- 5 _____ played the violin as a child.
- 6 _____ plays the piano.
- 7 _____ enjoys learning foreign languages.
- 8 _____ is an avid reader.



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3 Language in use

a Read the sentences. Look at the words in bold and match them with their meanings a-h.

- 1 People often **take up** a hobby to learn something new.
- 2 Hobbies can help you **relax**.
- 3 They can also help you **take your mind off things**.
- 4 Some people do hobbies for **sheer** enjoyment.
- 5 People often **give up** a hobby because they don't have enough time for it.
- 6 Some people cook in order to **experiment** with food.
- 7 If you play a musical instrument you need to **practise** a lot.
- 8 Some people are **avid** readers or cinema-goers.

- a to make you stop thinking or worrying about something
- b to stop doing something you have been doing regularly
- c absolute and complete
- d very enthusiastic about something you do regularly
- e to try new ideas or methods
- f to start doing something new
- g to rest and allow yourself to become calm
- h to repeat an activity regularly so that you become better at it

b Match the words in the left-hand column with those in the right-hand column to make phrases from the audio.

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|------------|---------------------|
| 1 practise | a your membership |
| 2 take up | b enjoyment |
| 3 outside | c playing the piano |
| 4 sheer | d work time |
| 5 renew | e a hobby |
| 6 give up | f a new hobby |

c Complete the phrases using one of these verbs:

do	go	play
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- 1 _____ the cooking
- 2 _____ to the theatre
- 3 _____ the piano
- 4 _____ a lot of reading
- 5 _____ the violin
- 6 _____ swimming

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4 Communicate



Your friend is interested in taking up some new hobbies.
Give him/her some advice.

Friend: I need a new hobby. Something interesting that will help me take my mind off things. What do you suggest?

You: _____

5 Discussion

Discuss this statement:

'A good hobby is like a true friend.'

Red Words

bake *

collect ***

do *** play

enjoyment*

experiment ***

go ***

learn***

(verb)***

practise (verb) **

regularly***

relax*** renew **