



FREE TIME & HOBBIES

Discussion

Basic questions

1 What are some things you like to do in your free time?

**In my free time, I like to...*

2 Who do you often spend your free time with? Where do you spend most of your free time?

**I often spend my free time with... I spend it in...*

3 Do men and women spend their free time differently? How?

**Yes, I think men and women spend their free time differently. / No, I don't think...*

4 Do you ever feel that you waste your free time? How?

**Yes, I sometimes feel... / No, I don't feel that...*

5 What are your hobbies?

**My hobbies are...*

Extended questions

1 What would you do if you had more free time?

**If I had more free time, I'd...*

2 Do free time activities differ now compared to the past? If yes, how?

**Yes, they do. / No, they don't.*

3 Do you think people had more or less free time in the past?

**I think people have... free time in the past because...*

4 Can you make money from a hobby?

**Yes, we can. / No, we can't.*

Vocabulary

- 1 **Rewarding (/rɪ'wɔːrdɪŋ/)**
(adjective) (of an activity) worth doing, that makes you happy because you think it is useful or important
Ex. This job is so rewarding.
- 2 **Time-consuming**
(adjective) (of an activity) takes up or eats up lots of your time
Ex. She found stamp collecting boring and time-consuming.
- 3 **Dabble (in/with something)**
(verb) to take part in a sport or in an activity, but not very seriously
Ex. She is a talented musician but is content to just dabble.
- 4 **Hang out**
(verb) To spend a lot of time in a place
Ex. They hang out at the mall every weekend.
- 5 **Idle (/ˈaɪdl/)**
(adjective) Not spent doing work or something particular
Ex. In idle moments, he carves wooden figures.

Grammar

Adverbs of frequency

- used to describe your activities in free time; such as: always, routinely, usually, most of the time, often, frequently, regularly, sometimes, occasionally, on occasion, rarely, seldom, hardly ever, never

Idioms / Useful Expressions

- 1 **At leisure – with no particular activities, free**
Ex. She spends the afternoon at leisure in the town centre.
- 2 **Couch potato – a person who spends a lot of time sitting and watching television.**
Ex. Jim is a couch potato every night.