

Useful Vocabulary for the topic “Hobbies”

Expressions used with hobbies (used with a noun or an -ing-form)

Like	Love	Dislike
To be keen on sth	To be obsessed with sth	to be bad at sth
To be a fan of sth	To be mad about sth	to be terrible at sth
To be interested in sth	to be crazy about sth	

Examples:

- 1) I'm keen on music, but I'm terrible at singing.
- 2) We are very interested in modern literature, actually we are crazy about Marinina.
- 3) She is not a fan of cooking, she prefers to go to a restaurant.
- 4) My friend is crazy about painting.

To take up sth/doing sth – заняться чем-нибудь

Ex: He took up swimming when he was 5.

To give up sth/doing sth – бросить что-то

Ex: He cannot give up smoking.

TYPES OF HOBBIES

- **You can play**

Cards	the guitar	Football
Board games	the piano	Hockey
Chess	the saxophone etc.	Tennis etc.

- **You can collect**

Stamps
Coins
Antiques

- **You can do outdoor activities like**

Hiking
Camping
Rock climbing
Hunting
Jogging
Fishing
Skiing
Caving

- **You may have creative hobbies like**

Making clothes
Taking photographs
DIY (do-it-yourself)
Model engineering
Cooking
Gardening
Painting

- **You can perform arts**

Singing
Acting
Magic
Dancing

Questions for discussion:

Do you have a hobby? If yes, are you crazy about it?

Are your present hobbies different from your hobbies

1 year ago

10 years ago

when you were a child

Are hobbies and sports connected or you believe these are different activities?

Do you think it is important to have a hobby? What role do hobbies play in people's life?

Why do you believe at job interviews HR Managers often ask about candidates' hobbies? Is it really important? Why?

How do hobbies characterize their "owner"? Can a calm and boring person have creative hobbies?

Are you dreaming about taking up a new hobby? What stops you at the moment?

Have you given up any hobbies in your life? Why?