

ESL Conversation Club: Hobbies

Warm-up:

Old MacDonald had a farm, ee-eye, ee-eye-oh
And on that farm he had a cow, ee-eye, ee-eye-oh
With a moo, moo here and a moo, moo there
Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo, moo

Warm-up:

A big black bug bit a big black bear.

Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

- Do you currently have a hobby that you practice as an adult, or when you were a child? Describe it to your group.
- Imagine you could travel back in time to when you first discovered your hobby. What was that moment like?
- Is your hobby popular in your home country? Is this hobby different in your home country?
- Who inspires you in your hobby? Is there a teacher, artist, athlete, or other figure you admire?
- Tell us about the biggest challenges you faced when you first took up your hobby. How did you overcome them, and what did you learn?
- Do you connect with others who share your hobby?
- What sparks your creativity or brings you joy in your hobby? It could be a sound, a smell, a memory.
- Does your hobby have any unexpected benefits? Maybe it helps you relax, learn new skills, or stay active.
- Have you ever faced any challenges or stereotypes related to your hobby because of your background or identity?
- Will you still do your hobby in the future? Do you have plans for new hobbies?
- If you could try someone else's hobby for a day, what would it be? Why?
- How has your hobby helped you learn English? Maybe you listen to podcasts about your passion, read instructional articles, or connect with English-speaking communities online.
- Has your hobby ever helped you overcome a personal challenge or difficult time?
- Do you ever make gifts or creations related to your hobby? Share your favorite things to give.
- What do you hope to learn or achieve through your hobby in the long run?
- Does your hobby bring you closer to nature, family, or people?
- Take a moment to appreciate the positive impact your hobby has on your life. What are you grateful for? How does it enrich your life?



Vocabulary to Practice

Definitions with Extra Details:

- hobby: (noun) An activity that you enjoy doing in your free time, often for fun or relaxation.
- travel back in time: (idiom) To imagine or pretend to visit a period in the past.
- sparks your creativity: (verb phrase) To stimulate your imagination and inspire you to be creative.
- unexpected benefits: (noun phrase) Positive results or advantages of something that you didn't expect or anticipate.
- challenges: (noun, plural) Difficulties or obstacles that you need to face and overcome.
- stereotypes: (noun, plural) Oversimplified and biased generalizations about a particular group of people.
- overcome: (verb) To succeed in dealing with and defeating a difficulty or obstacle.
- personal challenge: (noun phrase) A difficulty or problem that you face within yourself, requiring effort and determination to overcome.
- enrich: (verb) To make something better, fuller, or more meaningful.

Here are some additional details:

- "Travel back in time" is a common idiom used in stories, movies, and daydreams. It suggests using your imagination to visit a different historical period.
- "Sparks your creativity" is a figurative phrase meaning that something inspires you to come up with new ideas and express yourself in creative ways.
- "Unexpected benefits" can be anything from learning a new skill to making new friends to simply feeling happier and more fulfilled.
- "Challenges" can come in many forms, such as learning a new hobby, overcoming a fear, or dealing with a difficult situation.
- "Stereotypes" can be harmful because they often lead to unfair assumptions and discrimination.
- "Overcome" is a strong verb that suggests you have conquered a difficulty with effort and willpower.
- "Personal challenge" can be anything from overcoming shyness to achieving a personal goal.
- "Enrich" suggests adding value and making something more meaningful and complete.

