

8.Hobbies

One of the main reason people have hobbies is to kill time. Many of the great developments in science and technology have given us all a lot of time beyond that which we fill with necessary activity. But few of us use that extra time creatively, so we get bored. So we need a hobby to make the time pass enjoyably: we collect stamps or learn how to cook or just listen to our CDs.

One of the problems, though, is with having expensive hobbies. Usually they are intended to show off our wealth or our being up-to-date with some supposed trend, rather than supporting any genuine interest. Too often, we can't really afford it; but even if we can, we just feed our general discontentment because we are spending a lot of money but not relieving our boredom.

Comprehension

1. What are the two reasons given for having a hobby?
2. Why are hobbies necessary in the modern world?
3. What is wrong with having expensive hobbies?

Your opinion

1. What are your hobbies?
2. How much money do your hobbies cost you?
3. With whom do you enjoy your hobbies?
4. How often do you engage in your hobbies?
5. Do you make friends with people who have the same hobbies with you?
6. What are the best things about your hobbies?
7. Are there any hobbies you would like to try soon?
8. Are there any hobbies you have given up? Why?
9. Did you ever recommend that family members share your hobbies with you?