

Talk about hobbies

Today, we're going to talk about a nice topic: hobbies. In this episode, you'll learn how to talk about what you like to do in your free time and how often you do it. You'll also learn how to ask someone questions about their hobbies. Let's get started!

In French, we say a hobby, but we can also say a pastime. These are activities that you do in your free time. It's not for work, it's not an obligation, it's just for fun. For example, reading a novel, drawing, cooking, learning a language or playing video games are hobbies, hobbies, activities that we do to relax or have fun.

I like to read contemporary novels. It's my favourite hobby. Every evening, I make myself a tea and read for an hour. At the moment, I'm reading *The Impatient Ones* by Jaïli Amadou Amal. It's captivating and moving.

In my spare time, I do photography. It relaxes me. Sometimes I take beautiful photos, but not always. To say how often we do an activity, we use expressions such as:

- every day,
 - all the time,
 - often,
 - from time to time,
 - once a week,
 - twice a week
 - on weekends,
 - during the holidays,
 - almost never,
 - never
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- From time to time, I bake.
 - I do yoga several times a week.
 - I never do colouring.
 - I read every night.

Talking about hobbies is a good way to get to know someone. When meeting a new person, you can ask a few simple questions like:

- What do you like to do in your free time?
- Do you have any hobbies?
- What is your favourite hobby?
- Do you play sports?
- Do you play an instrument?
- Do you do that often?

A conversation between H el ene and Judith:

"Hello? Guess what? »

"Have you taken up the piano?"

"No. I met a guy. »

"Tell me about it."

"I met him at my yoga class. He goes to it twice a week. »

"And does he have other hobbies?"

"He also rides his bike every day, like you. I think you'll like him. »

"Yes, you have a lot in common."

"He also reads. At the moment, he is reading Nancy Huston's Fault Lines, one of my favourite novels. »

"I have no doubt about it, and if he cooks well, he's the perfect one for you. »

Examples of hobbies:

- Read novels.
- Photography.
- Go to the movies.
- Making pastry.
- Playing the guitar.
- Playing the piano.
- Yoga.
- Gardening.
- Learn a language.
- Cycling.
- Play video games.

Example phrases referring to hobbies:

- I read every day.
- I do yoga in the evening.
- I cook on weekends.
- I cycle twice a week.
- I'm learning Italian at the moment.
- I watch series too often.
- I play guitar on Sundays.
- I take pictures from time to time.
- I garden in the spring.
- I never draw.