

GREAT HOBBIES FOR TEENS



READING

12a **ES** Read the text and answer the questions.

Hobbies: good fun

"All work and no play make Jack a dull boy and Jill a bored girl".

If we keep this in mind, it encourages us to have a hobby. A hobby is an activity away from the real work of routine and the end result is always pleasure and satisfaction. Hobbies are an important part of a teenager's life, they keep them interested and enthusiastic. Boredom is like a plague to teens and bored teens can easily get into trouble. Experts say that teenagers usually spend their free time using technological gadgets, doing sports, watching TV or listening to music, because they don't know what other hobbies or pastimes they can have.

Here are just a few hobbies for teenagers.

Collecting

While stamps and coins aren't exciting enough for today's teens, posters or T-shirts, old pins or vintage bottle openers can be great ideas for collections.

Teenagers enjoy collecting items about places they visit, such as mugs from amusement parks. It always starts from collecting local objects, but then a teen can network with people across the world and ask them for objects from other countries.

Writing

Writing stories or poems can be a great hobby for teens. Teens often need a channel for expressing themselves without the fear of judgment. Writing in a diary or secret notebook helps teenagers have a sense of privacy, which is important for them.

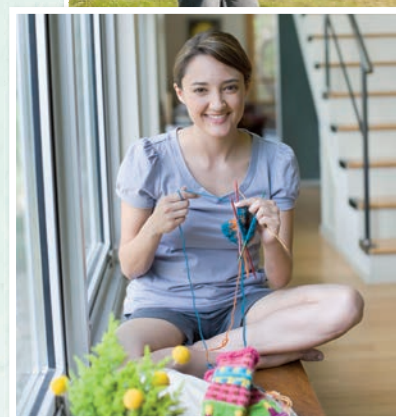
Building

Modelling, woodworking, metalworking, knitting, candle-making: all teenagers can find something interesting and enjoyable to build. Building helps them concentrate and gives them a sense of satisfaction when they create something. It is good for young people to learn how to make their own goods. It is a step towards self-sufficiency and it can turn into business.



Music

Music is a wonderful influence in the life of a young person. It promotes creativity, self-expression, and self-confidence. Teenagers enjoy various aspects of music as a hobby, including collecting CDs, song writing and playing music.



1. What is a hobby?
2. What is the result of a hobby?
3. What's a great danger for teenagers?
4. Have teenagers with a hobby got a safer and more regular life?
5. Apart from sports, computers and TV, why haven't teenagers got other pastimes?

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plague = piaga
pin = spilla
knit = lavorare a maglia

12b **K** Complete the sentences. Choose a, b or c.

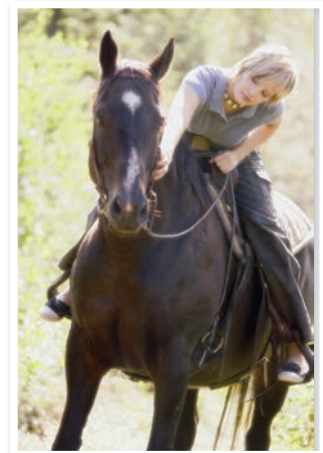
- Today's teenagers prefer collecting
 - stamps and coins.
 - posters and mugs.
 - local objects.
- Writing helps teenagers
 - use their notebooks.
 - express their emotions freely.
 - accept their parents' judgment.
- When teenagers create a product, they
 - get rich.
 - are satisfied with their work.
 - are more popular with their friends.
- Building helps teenagers
 - become stronger.
 - become better artists.
 - become more independent.



LISTENING

13a **(2.10)** Listen to Mr Wheel who is having an interview with some students about their hobbies for the local paper. What's each person's hobby? Write a letter (a-h) next to each person. Be careful! Three of them have two hobbies.

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| 1. Anastasia | ☐ ☐ | a. Using the computer | e. Writing |
| 2. Dimitry | ☐ ☐ | b. Singing | f. Playing the guitar |
| 3. John | ☐ ☐ | c. Cooking | g. Playing basketball |
| 4. Anna | ☐ ☐ | d. Horse riding | h. Collecting CDs |



13b **K** Say if the sentences are right (R) or wrong (W).

- Anastasia gets positive energy from music. ☐
- Dimitry likes his hobby because he does it with other people. ☐
- John likes sitting in a circle with his friends and chatting. ☐
- Anna thinks horses are dull animals. ☐

13c **(2.10)** Listen again. What are Anastasia, Dimitry, John and Anna doing about their hobbies in the future? Complete the table.

WHO	WHAT	WHEN
Anastasia	receiving a prize	
.....		on 5 th December
.....	taking part in a competition	
Dimitry		

SPOKEN INTERACTION

14 **K** Work in groups of four. In turn, ask and answer the following questions.

- In your opinion, what is a hobby?
- Why are hobbies necessary for teenagers?
- What are the most common hobbies among teenagers?
- What are the cheapest and the most expensive hobbies?
- Do you think that teenagers and their parents can have the same hobbies?
- If yes, is it positive or negative? Why?
- How much time do teenagers spend on their hobbies?

WRITING

15 **ES** Mr Wheel wants to know about your hobbies. Send him an e-mail and write about what you do in your free time, what activities you like doing, why and how much time you spend on them. Say if you have successful results and if you are taking part in a special event regarding your hobbies in the future.