

FREE TIME

We all lead busy lives, but it's good to spend some time doing things away from work and other responsibilities. Would you like to meet new friends, develop an interest or take up a new one? Perhaps you want to get fit, or improve your skills, like speaking another language or painting. Or maybe you're just bored and want to make better use of your free time. There are lots of different clubs that you can join, either on your own or with friends. Have a look in the newspaper, or on noticeboards at the public library, the supermarket and your local dairy. Use the internet to find clubs or special interest groups in your area, and ask work colleagues or friends if they know where to go. You don't have to join a club — lots of people enjoy their hobbies at home.



Ask each other:

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Are you a member of any clubs or special interest groups?

How often do you go/do it?



free time

spare time; when you are free to do what you want

fit

physically healthy

club

group or place where everyone has the same interest

noticeboards

a place for information, usually on a wall

hobby

something you do for fun and interest

skill

a special ability

bored

when you have no interest or nothing to do

take up

start a new hobby or interest

Finish these sentences. Use the words in bold from the box.

If you join a _____ you can make new friends .

Look at _____ to find out what groups you can join.

If you want to get _____, you can join a gym.

You can always start a _____ at home.

It costs nothing to _____ walking!

Improve your _____ by joining a group .

Are you _____? Find something interesting to do!



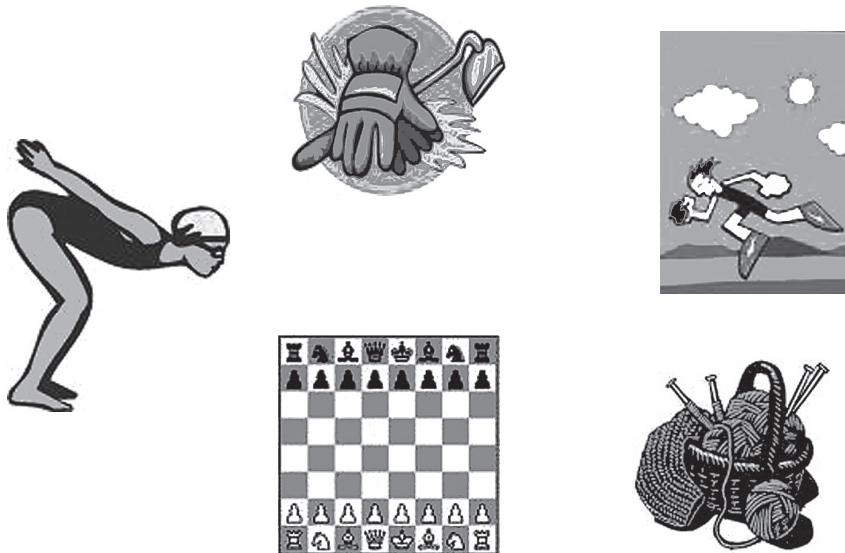
Do you like...?

Finish the text. Use the words from the box.

Michaela is a writer, but in her _____ time she likes playing _____ .
She plays every week at the local _____ .
Usually there are two or three _____ people to play with, but Michaela prefers to _____
with her friend Sue. She learnt to play at _____ and started playing again this year to get
_____ and because she wanted to improve her _____. Michaela is a very busy person,
but still finds time for her other _____ , home tutoring with her learner Ana.

skills	other	tennis	school
spare	club	play	interest
			fit

*Tutor notes: Elicit or provide names for the hobbies/interests below.
Ask your learner to make the question, for example 'Do you like playing chess?'.
Take turns to ask the question and give an answer.*



Do you like:			
	play chess	knit	garden
	swim	run	

Now think of other things you like doing in your spare time and make up some more questions.

NOTICE BOARD

ROCK & ROLL

Dancing lessons start this week.
Friday, 8 pm at the Community Hall, Southgate.
All welcome.
Bring a friend!

GREEN GROUP

Do you care about the environment?
Volunteers needed for a range of projects. Join us now! Phone 345 6729 for further information.

CHESS CLUB

Meets every week at the Regal Hotel supper room.
Beginners welcome.
Wednesdays 7 - 9pm.
Phone Barry on 805 8234.

GET FIT and look great!

Swim and Aquajog at the Civic Pool.
Open weekdays 6am - 9pm.
Weekends 7am - 7pm.
Phone 744 5885

SOCIAL ENGLISH

Make new friends and improve your English.
Conversation group at West Church Hall.
Mondays 10 am.
Phone Angela on 487 6592



Answer the questions:

- Where can you go dancing every week?
What happens on Wednesdays at 7 pm?
When is the pool open on weekdays?
What can people do at the Green Group?
Where do people meet for English conversation?



Tutor notes:

Read through each notice and answer any questions your learner might have. Ask your learner to answer the questions. Use the notices to talk about different interests and hobbies people might have.

A new interest...

Carla: Hi, Janene. I'm thinking about going to Yoga classes this summer. D'you fancy coming along with me?

Janene: Oh, I've never done Yoga before. I don't know if I'd like it, or if I could do it.

Carla: Neither have I, but we could try it together and see if we like it!

Janene: OK, um, have you found a class we could go to?

Carla: Yeah. There was a notice at the supermarket. I wrote it all down. Let me see, yes, it starts next week, and the course lasts for eight weeks.

Janene: Oh, right, well where are the classes held?

Carla: Just down the road from your place, you know, the Centennial Hall in Broad Street.

Janene: That's handy. What day is the first class, and what time?

Carla: Mmm, let me have another look. Yes, every Monday evening, from 6.30 - 7.30.

Janene: OK. I'd like to give it a go. You could call in for me on the way to the class. Oh, by the way, how much does it cost?

Carla: It's \$5 for each class, but if you pay for the whole eight week course it's \$35.

Janene: That's not bad. Hey thanks for calling and letting me know. I'll see you next week then!

Carla: Not a problem. See you next Monday.

Now answer these questions:

Has Janene tried Yoga before?

Where did Carla find the information about the class?

Where are the Yoga classes held?

How often can they go to the classes?

How much does the class cost?



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Tutor notes: Record the dialogue authentically with another person. Ask your learner to listen, and talk about any unfamiliar words. Copy the transcript and cut it into strips. Get your learner to put the dialogue in order while listening again. Read through the questions together and play the tape again. Ask your learner to answer the questions. Take turns to be Janene and Carla.