

ESL: Talking about Hobbies

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Gerunds



In this lesson, we will...

Learn some new words

Read a conversation

Learn about the gerund

Talk about our hobbies



Hobbies

What is a hobby?

A hobby is something we do for fun in our free time.

We do hobbies to relax or learn something new.

- How many hobbies do you know in English?
- Do you have any hobbies? What are they?



Vocabulary

What are the hobbies?



cooking



reading books



drawing



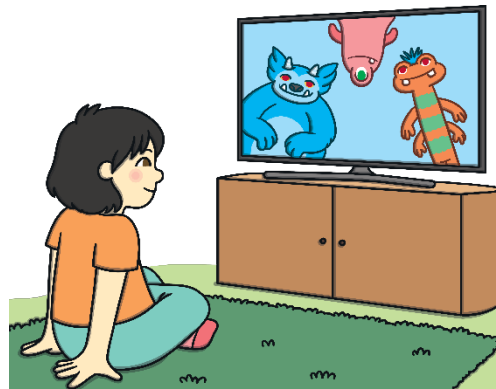
playing with friends



playing
video
games



taking photos



watching movies



listening
to music

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Kara and Sam are meeting for the first time. They are talking about their hobbies.



What are your hobbies?

Well, I don't really like taking photographs. I like watching TV dramas! I sometimes watch them with my dad. After school, I love playing computer games.

Hmm, I have many! I like taking photographs, watching TV dramas, and drawing pictures! How about you?

Oh, I see! After school, I like listening to music.



Grammar Time

In English, we can use –ing words like nouns.

These are called ‘gerunds’.

We can use gerunds when talking about likes and dislikes the same way we do with nouns.

I like **apples**.

Movies are fun.

I like **eating apples**.

Watching movies is fun.

I like **football**.

Books are boring.

I like **playing football**.

Reading books is boring.

Grammar tip: We use ‘is’ with gerund, even if the object has an ‘s’. So we say ‘Eating apples is healthy.’



Grammar Time

Some gerunds are usually used with an **object**.

It would be unusual to say 'I like watching' or
'Taking is fun'.

We would say 'I like **watching movies/TV/theatre**'
and **Taking photographs** is fun'.

Other gerunds, like running or swimming,
don't need an object:

I love **running**.

Swimming is difficult.



Talking About Hobbies

I don't really enjoy...

Do you like...

_____ is fun.

