



# Unit 13: HOBBIES

## Lesson 1: Reading

**Look at the pictures and name  
activities**





**swimming**



**walking**



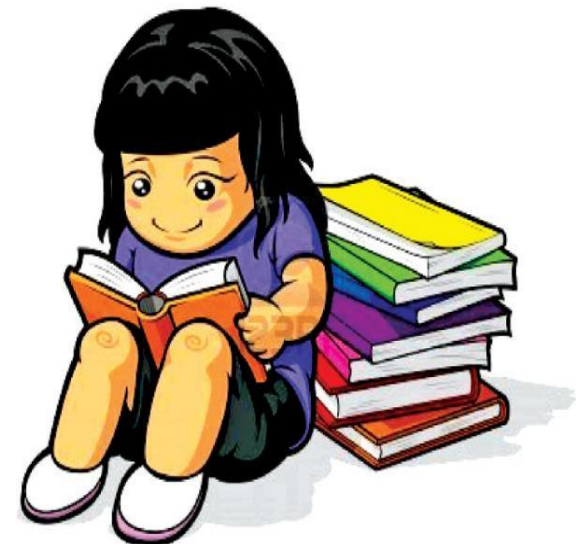
**playing computer  
games**



**watching TV**



**fishing**



**reading**



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### 1. Before you read: work in pairs

What do you like to do / doing in your free time ?

**A:** What do you like doing in your free time ?

**B:** I like swimming.

swimming



singing

playing chess



fishing





# **BEFORE YOU READ**

## **VOCABULARY**



1. **hobby** (n) /'hɒb.i/: sở thích
2. **collect** (v) /kə'lekt/: sưu tầm, thu thập
  - **collection** (n) /kə'lek.ʃən/: bộ sưu tầm
  - **collector** (n) /kə'lek.tər/: người sưu tầm
3. **accomplished** (adj) /ə'kʌm.plɪʃt/ = skilled: có tài  
Ex: She's a very accomplished pianist/painter.
4. **modest** (adj) /'mɒd.ɪst/: khiêm tốn, giản dị, bé nhỏ
5. **avid** (adj) /'æv.ɪd/: extremely eager or interested: say mê, đam mê  
Ex: an avid football fan
6. **indulge** (v) /ɪn'dʌldʒ/ in: đam mê, say mê
7. **keep someone occupied** /'æk.jə.paɪd/ = keep someone busy: làm ai đó bận rộn
8. **once in a while** = sometimes: thỉnh thoảng





## 9. discard (v) /dɪ'skɑ:d/:

throw sth away: ném đi, vứt đi

Ex: Discarded food containers and bottles littered the streets.



## 10. accompany

/ə'kʌmpəni/ (v) đi cùng với ai, đệm đàn cho ai hát

- accompanying (adj)

/ə'kʌm.pə.ni.ɪŋ/: đi cùng



# 11. fish tank (n)

/tæŋk/



# 12. guitar(n)/gɪ'ta:r/:

đàn ghi-ta

- guitarist (n)

/gɪ'ta:.rɪst/

người đánh đàn ghi-ta



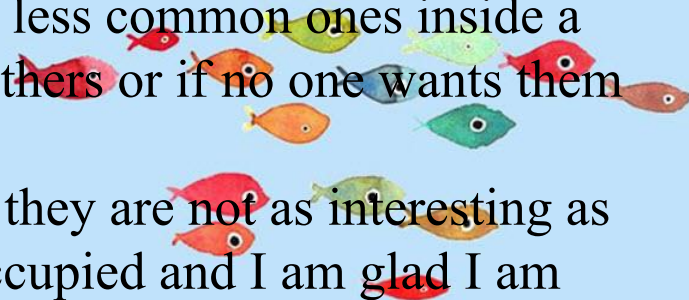


There are a number of things I like to do in my free time. They are my hobbies. The hobby I like most is playing my guitar. My uncle, who is an accomplished guitarist, taught me how to play. Now I can play a few simple tunes. I have even begun to sing while playing the guitar, but I have not been very successful at this. My uncle tells me that all I need is to practise regularly and I should be able to do it. He is very good at accompanying people singing with his guitar and I admire him very much.

Another hobby of mine is keeping fish. I have a modest little glass fish tank where I keep a variety of little fish. Some of them were bought from the shop while some others were collected from the rice field near my house. They look so beautiful swimming about in the tank. I love watching them and my mother loves watching them, too.

I keep stamps, too. However, I would not call myself an avid stamp collector. Actually, I just collect the stamps from discarded envelopes that my relatives and friends give me. Mostly I get local stamps. Once in a while, I get stamps from places like Russia, the USA, Britain, Australia, China and others. I keep the less common ones inside a small album. The common ones I usually give away to others or if no one wants them I simply throw them away.

There are other hobbies that I indulge in for a while, but they are not as interesting as the ones I've been talking about. They really keep me occupied and I am glad I am able to do them.



## Task1: Match the words and phrases with their definitions

Words and phrases	Definitions
<p>1. Accomplished (adj)</p> <p>2. Accompanying (gerund)</p> <p>3. Modest (adj)</p> <p>4. Avid (adj)</p> <p>5. Discarded (adj)</p> <p>6. Indulge in (v)</p> <p>7. Keep me occupied</p>	<p>a. keep me busy</p> <p>b. Thrown away</p> <p>c. Well-trained</p> <p>d. Going with a singer, using a musical instrument</p> <p>e. Let yourself do something that you enjoy</p> <p>f. Eager, crazy</p> <p>g. Not very big</p>





# Suggested answers:

1. c

2. d

3. g

4. f

5. b

6. e

7. a



## **Task 2: Read the text and answer the questions**

- 1. What is the writer's first hobby?**
- 2. Is the writer an accomplished guitarist?**
- 3. Why does the writer admire his uncle?**
- 4. What is the writer's second hobby?**
- 5. How did he collect his fish?**
- 6. What kind of stamp collector is the writer?**
- 7. Where does he collect the stamps?**
- 8. Which does the writer get more of, local stamps or foreign stamps?**
- 9. What does the writer do with the less common stamps and with the common ones?**





**Question 1: What is the  
writer's hobby?**

**playing the guitar**



**Question 2: Is the writer an accomplished guitarist?**

**No, he isn't.**





# Question 3: Why does the writer admire his uncle?

**Because he's an accomplished guitarist and good at accompanying people singing with his guitar.**



**Question 4: What is the  
writer's second hobby?**

**Keeping fish**



# Question 5: How did he collect his fish?

**He bought some from the shop and collected some from the rice field near his house**



**Question 6: What kind of stamp collector is the writer?**

**He is not an avid stamp collector**





**Question 7: Where does he  
collect the stamp?**

**From discarded  
envelops  
his relatives and  
friends give him.**



**Question 8: Which does the writer get more of, local stamp or foreign stamp?**

**Local stamps**



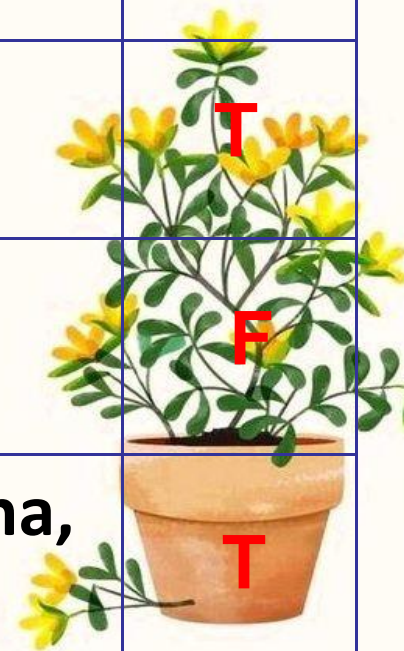
# Question 9: What does the writer do with the less common and common stamps?

- He keeps the less common ones inside a small album
- He gives the common ones away to others or if no one wants them he simply throws them away



# Task 3: Read the text and decide whether the statements are True (T) or False (F)

		T / F
1.	<p>The <u>writer</u> is an accomplished guitarist.</p> <p><i>His uncle is an accomplished guitarist.</i></p>	F
2.	<p>The writer has <u>more foreign stamps than local ones</u>.</p> <p><i>The writer has more local stamps.</i></p>	F
3.	<p>He also likes keeping fish and collecting stamps.</p>	T
4.	<p>His mother <u>doesn't like</u> his fish.</p> <p><i>His mother also likes his fish.</i></p>	F
5.	<p>He gets stamps from places like Russia, China, the USA, and Britain.</p>	T





Post – reading:

**What's your hobby ?**

Reading/  
singing...

*My hobby is reading.*

**When do you do it ?**

In free time/  
before going  
to bed/ in the  
evening...

*I often read books when I have free time.*

**Where do you do it?**

In bed/ in  
school library...

*I often read books in bed.*

**Why do you choose it?**

Help to relax/ get  
more knowledge...

*Reading helps me to relax and get knowledge.*

**HOBBIES**

**\* Talk about your hobbies**