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Language Function: reading, discussion, vocabulary, phrasal verbs

Grammar error correction

# HOBBIES

## Read and translate the text

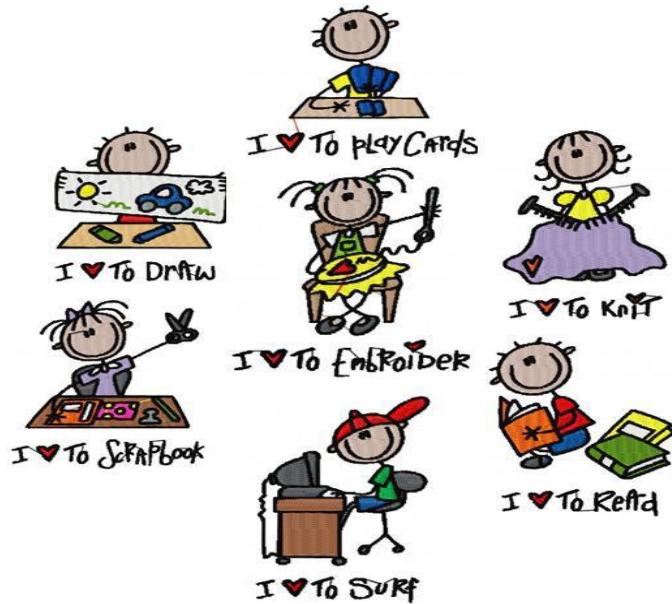
Do you have a hobby -- something you really enjoy doing in your **spare** time? Do you love gardening, **taking care** of animals, dancing, or **hiking**? Have you ever **wondered** what it would be like if you could spend more time on your hobby and less time at work? **Perhaps** you can do both at the same time.

When choosing a career, one of the things you must **consider** are your interests. Why then do so many people not even think about their hobbies when a hobby is, in fact, an interest. Perhaps it's because even Webster's Dictionary defines a hobby as "**a pursuit** outside one's regular **occupation**". Maybe this is a rule you should break. After all, no one ever said your hobby had to stay **separate** from your occupation. In addition people are usually very **skilled** at their hobbies. The combination of interest and skill are very **compelling** reasons to choose a particular career.

"Who's going to **hire** someone who loves making **beaded jewelry**?" you may ask yourself. Good question. Don't wait for someone to hire you. Start your own business. That may be the best way to **incorporate** your hobby into your career. Those with hobbies that involve creating things, i.e. jewelry, clothing, or **pottery**, may do well to sell those items on their own. Before you go forward with your plans, though, you should find out whether being an **entrepreneur** is for you.

Let's say you **determine** that running a small business isn't for you. You can still turn your hobby into a career, but you may have to get some **formal** training. Let's go back to the person who loves making beaded jewelry. That person probably knows the latest jewelry styles, has an understanding of what styles look good on different people, and also is skilled in using the **tools** of the trade. A number of **options** exist for that person. He or she could go to school to learn how to be a jewelry designer. Alternatively, that person could become a jewelry buyer for a department store or a salesperson in a jewelry store. He or she could also learn to become a jeweler by taking courses at a trade school or by learning on the job.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** is the  
**only Hobby where we**  
**can Shoot People and**  
**Cut their head off**  
**Legally**



## What is the meaning of these words?

Work in the classroom and at home

spare	.....
take care	.....
hiking	.....
wonder	.....
perhaps	.....
consider	.....
pursuit	.....
occupation	.....
separate	.....
skilled	.....
compelling	.....
hire	.....
beaded	.....
jewelry	.....
incorporate	.....
pottery	.....
entrepreneur	.....
determine	.....
formal	.....
tools	.....
option	.....



## Find the Mistake and explain WHY *Error correction*

1. I had an interested conversation with Sally yesterday.
2. We have been living in London since a long time.
3. I've just cleaned this room so try not to do a mess.
4. Those were big dogs, weren't them?
5. Try eat more vegetables if you really want to lose weight.
6. It's hard not to be a bit jealousy of her success.
7. Steven is more taller than I remember.
8. If you are bored we can do a game of chess.
9. She was born on midnight.
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## Discussion questions

1. What is your hobby?
2. How long have you had a hobby?
3. Why do people have hobbies?
4. Why did you start your hobby?
5. Can you make money from doing your hobby?
6. How many hours a week do you spend on your hobby?
7. What is a hobby?
8. Why do people need hobbies?
9. Do you spend money on your hobby?
10. Which hobbies are the most expensive?
11. Which hobbies are the cheapest?
12. Which hobbies are the most popular in your country?
13. Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?
14. Are there any hobbies you would like to try?



# Phrasal Verbs

**catch on:** develop understanding or knowledge of something.

"Bill had never used a computer until he took this class, but he caught on very quickly and is now one of the best students."

**catch up:** stop being behind.

"Terry stopped to rest for a few minutes. He'll catch up with us later."

**check in:** register

"My plane will arrive around 5:00 PM. I should be able to check into the hotel by 6:00 or 6:30."