

A YouTuber's day

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Jacob is a YouTuber from the USA. In the past, he lived in many American cities. Today he lives in New York, the city he likes best, with his wife Esther. His brother often comes to visit because they work together.

Jacob is one of the many young people who earn money by making YouTube videos. It is a creative job, but he can't do what he likes all day long. However, he can decide when to do each of his activities.

Jacob's day starts around 8 am, when he wakes up, has breakfast and showers. At 9.30 he reads his emails and checks social media – mostly Twitter and Instagram. After that, he spends at least two hours planning his videos and writing scripts. He has lunch around 1 pm, and then shoots the material for his videos until 4 pm. For a 10-minute video, he needs 2 or 3 hours of such material!

In the afternoon, he checks his social media again and then edits his videos. This can take a lot of time, so his dinner is usually quite late, around 9 pm. If he is not late with one of his videos, that is when Jacob can relax. But if he needs to complete his videos, he can shoot or edit until midnight. He rarely goes to bed before 1 am.

Jacob and Esther love to travel. They visit different places whenever they can. However, they spend most of their time making videos and writing their blog. Sometimes they don't stop even on the weekends.

Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you watch YouTube videos?
- 2 If yes, who are your favourite YouTubers? What do they make videos about?
- 3 Would you like to be a YouTuber? What videos would you make?
- 4 Does Jacob's day seem fun or difficult?
- 5 Compare your day with Jacob's. Compare your parent's day with his. Whose day do you like best?

Hobbies through time

Interviewer: Hello, and welcome back to our show. Today we have a young hobbyist with us, Poppy Livingstone. She is only twelve, but helped her parents open a Youth Hobby Centre. Can you tell us more about your own hobbies, Poppy?

Poppy: Sure! I discovered my first hobby when I was six or seven. I collected pebbles, painted on them, and wrote where and when I found them. But I change my hobby every year or two. Last year it was making slime. This year it's baking.



Interviewer: How are hobbies different from leisure time activities?

Poppy: Well, leisure is something you enjoy doing when you have free time. For example, playing video games, listening to music or birdwatching. With a hobby, you create new things, or you compete and get better at different activities.

Interviewer: Do you think your hobbies are different from your parents' hobbies?

Poppy: Of course! My father collected stamps and did woodwork, and my grandma knitted. Nobody does that any more. But some hobbies are just a little different. For example, my mum loved the old-fashioned photography. She developed her own films and made photographs in a dark chamber. Young people today do digital photography and use Photoshop!



Interviewer: How do you think hobbies will change in the future?

Poppy: I think they will be even more connected with technology. We are going to play more games in the virtual world, and even make new worlds. We are already doing it with Minecraft. We are not going to read so many books. I think we will make and tell our own video-stories. 3D printing is definitely going to change a lot of hobbies, because we will be able to make anything we imagine.

Interviewer: Thank you, and now back to your Centre...



Answer the questions.

1 Who is Poppy Livingstone?

2 What is the difference between leisure (free time) activities and hobbies?

3 Order the hobbies mentioned in the text according to when people did (or will do) them. Which belong to the past, the present and which to the future?

4 Do you think people will stop having hobbies? Why (not)?

5 What are your predictions about the future hobbies?

6 Imagine and describe a future hobby you would like to try out.

5 reasons why everyone should have a hobby



Social life

People who have hobbies often do them with others, which connects both friends and strangers. Even when we have a solitary hobby, it can make us more interesting. People with hobbies usually have a lot of interesting experiences. There is always something to talk about and share.



Getting rid of boredom

Hobbies give us something to do when we find ourselves with spare time. They are also an activity that we can look forward to and get excited about. Changing our routine is always a good idea, especially if we find a fun way to do it.



Stress relief

Studying and working can be very stressful. Hobbies help us relax and calm down our minds. When we do something we like, we focus deeply and do not think about negative things. It is easier to enjoy things which we don't have to do.



Being creative

When we do hobbies we enjoy, our minds are more active and think creatively. This creativity can then be used to complete our everyday tasks more easily. Hobbies help us find new ways to solve problems, but they also give us the feeling of pride and enjoyment because we made something new.



Learning things we like

When we get a hobby, there's so much to learn. Luckily, none of it is boring, because we choose what we will or won't learn. We also improve different skills and do things we've never tried before. We never know how our lives will change because of what we have learned while doing an interesting activity.

Questions and tasks:

- 1 Why do you (or people you know) have hobbies? Can you add other reasons to the list?
- 2 Can you think of reasons why somebody would not have a hobby?
- 3 Is there a hobby you have always wanted to do, but never did? Why?
- 4 Make a list with hobbies from people in your class. Sort them by how interesting they sound to you.
- 5 Try an online test to help you choose a (new) hobby.

Funny hobbies



Creative dog grooming is very popular in China. In this hobby, you style your dog in the weirdest way you can. It is a hobby that takes a lot of time and accessories. However, if you are good, there are competitions at which you can win up to \$30,000.



In **toy voyaging**, you send your toys off on a (hopefully) world-wide adventure. A website helps you find a temporary home for your toy, or a toy which you want to host in your home. You can write a travel log, as well as send and receive photographs. When you want your toy back, simply get in touch with its hosts and ask them to return it.



Harry Potter is so popular that people now play **Quidditch**, an imaginary sport from the books and films. Although they can't fly like wizards, there are rules and matches for playing on the ground.



Extreme ironing is not a children's hobby, because it can get very dangerous. What people do is iron their clothes in adventurous settings. They take an ironing board and at the same time climb high mountains, fly helicopters, canoe down rivers, or even skydive!



Tattooing cars began with an old man from Taiwan in 1999. He started to paint Buddhist words on his car, two trucks and a motorbike. Now people do it all around the world, painting vehicles with graffiti, tattoos, or other types of art.

Tasks:**1 Each student in class takes two small pieces of paper.**

On one of the papers students write down verbs connected with hobbies, and on the other one nouns. (For example, collect, play, do, paint and skateboards, keyrings, bottles, soap.)

They put verbs and nouns in separate boxes and mix them well.

Each student takes out one verb and one noun.

Use these to come up with silly or funny hobbies in your class.

2 Think about the following information:

Who usually takes up this hobby?

Is it dangerous, fun, relaxing, or something else?

What do you need to know or have in order to be able to do it?

Are there competitions in this hobby?

Where can you do it?