

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.