

Prepare for {IELTS}

Part 1 – Freetime

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

Student: I'm glad you've asked me about this (1) because there are a number of things that I do in my spare time (1). Firstly (2), I enjoy doing (1) sport. I take part in various (2) different activities such as football and going to the gym. I particularly enjoy (3) playing football because I get the opportunity to hang out with (4) my mates (5) and play in a team. I love the feeling of being part of a team and all working together towards the same goal of winning the match. Working out (6) is a much different activity because it is quite a solitary (7) activity, but what I love most about it is the opportunity to spend time on my own. Secondly (3), I'm a big fan of (8) going to the movies. This gives me chance to catch up with (9) friends and see the latest films (10) as well. Finally (4), I'm keen on (11) visiting new places. Every month, I try to have a mini break (12) and visit somewhere new.

How do you usually spend your free time?

Student: When I was living in my home country, I used to (2) spend a lot of my free time studying because the school system is very different. We used to (3) have to go to classes on Saturdays so that only left Sundays, which were filled (4) with homework and spending some time with my parents and siblings (13). In the UK, however (5), I tend to (5) have more free time and so I get the opportunity to do much more such as socialising (14) with friends, exploring new places and chilling out (15).

Are there any hobbies that you would like to have in the future?

Student: Absolutely (6). There are a multitude of (16) things that I'd love to do, but time and money prevent me from doing (17) at the moment. Firstly (2), I'd love to learn how to play the piano. I'm not particularly (18) musical (19), but would love to learn how to play an instrument. Secondly (3), I'd like to learn how to speak Italian. I can get by in (20) the language, but I'd like to immerse myself in (21) it and become fluent (22). And finally (4), I'd like to learn how to cook. I'm a real foodie (23), but I'm not a proficient (24) cook so when I have more time, I'll learn how to make bread and pastries.

Do you think hobbies should be relaxing or should they be exciting?

Student: That's an interesting question, I've never really considered before (7), I guess (25) a combination of both (26). You need relaxing hobbies to help you to recharge your batteries (27) after the stress of study or work, however, exciting hobbies are important too because you need to challenge and push yourself otherwise life can become dull (28) and samey (29).