

# Recreation

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# Recreation

## A. Discussion

Discuss the following questions in groups.

1. What are the most popular sports in your country?
2. How often do you go to a movie?
3. When was the last time you rented a video? What was it?
4. Do you play a musical instrument?
5. Is physical education a part of the school curriculum in your country?
6. Is music a part of the school curriculum in your country?
7. Are you a member of the public library?
8. Do you enjoy live theater?
9. Have you ever gone camping? If so, did you like it?
10. How much time do you spend on recreational activities per week?

## B. Survey

What do you like to do in your spare time? Complete the chart below by asking your partner questions about their hobbies.

### Examples:

- Do you like going to movies?
- What kind of movies do you like?
- Do you play any sports?
- What sports do you play?
- Do you like doing arts & crafts / DIY (do-it-yourself) projects?
- Do you like to read?

Classmate		
Sports (watch / play)		
Music (play / listen to)		
Books (favorite types)		
Movies (favorite kinds)		
Museums / Art Galleries		
Arts & Crafts / DIY		
Other		

# Sports and Hobbies

## A. Sorting

Each of the words in the list at the bottom of the page is associated with a certain kind of hobby or recreation. The word may refer to a specific type of activity, a piece of equipment associated with the activity, a setting where the activity takes place, etc. Work with a partner and put the words in the correct category.

Sports	Movies / TV	Music	Arts & Crafts	Other
<i>bat</i>				

### Word List:

- classical
- western
- rink
- knitting
- rink
- drama
- racquet
- blues
- ~~bat~~
- field
- sewing
- chess
- mitt
- comedy
- court
- puck
- arena
- war
- folk
- quilting
- cards
- documentary
- net
- jazz
- track
- rock
- harp
- romance
- ring
- alley
- soap opera
- checkers
- umpire
- sitcom
- sand trap
- t-bar
- goalie
- heavy metal
- flute
- thriller
- crochet
- lens
- rap
- helmet
- stamps
- glove
- goggles
- sci-fi
- doll furniture
- scrapbooking

## Sports and Hobbies cont.

### B. Odd One Out

Circle the word that does not belong. Be prepared to explain why.

- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| 1. a) rink<br>b) field<br>c) helmet<br>d) court            | 4. a) quilting<br>b) chess<br>c) knitting<br>d) sewing | 7. a) flash<br>b) soccer<br>c) lens<br>d) tripod            | 10. a) boat<br>b) hook<br>c) ball<br>d) rod            |
| 2. a) classical<br>b) soap opera<br>c) jazz<br>d) folk     | 5. a) racquet<br>b) bat<br>c) skater<br>d) club        | 8. a) checkers<br>b) painting<br>c) pottery<br>d) sculpture | 11. a) net<br>b) goggles<br>c) paddle<br>d) table      |
| 3. a) museum<br>b) art gallery<br>c) athlete<br>d) theater | 6. a) drama<br>b) comedy<br>c) guitar<br>d) romance    | 9. a) piano<br>b) chess<br>c) drums<br>d) violin            | 12. a) snorkel<br>b) flippers<br>c) ball<br>d) goggles |

### C. Matching

Where am I doing each activity?

Match the activity on the left with the correct place on the right.

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| ___ 1. I'm looking at works of art | a) in an alley       |
| ___ 2. I'm playing tennis          | b) on a track        |
| ___ 3. I'm watching a soap opera   | c) in the ocean      |
| ___ 4. I'm playing golf            | d) on a court        |
| ___ 5. I'm boxing                  | e) at home           |
| ___ 6. I'm doing laps              | f) in a tent         |
| ___ 7. I'm skating                 | g) in a ring         |
| ___ 8. I'm running                 | h) in a gallery      |
| ___ 9. I'm doing gymnastics        | i) on a rink         |
| ___ 10. I'm bowling                | j) in a pool         |
| ___ 11. I'm snorkeling             | k) on a course       |
| ___ 12. I'm camping                | l) on a balance beam |

## Idioms from Recreation

### A. Guess the Meanings

Many idioms come from words related to recreation.  
In your groups, try to guess the meanings of the following idioms.  
Use your imagination. Have fun!

#	Idiom	Meaning
1	a ballpark figure	
2	a good sport	
3	be all thumbs	
4	go fly a kite	
5	have two left feet	
6	in the same boat	
7	keep the ball rolling	
8	music to one's ears	
9	off base	
10	on the ball	
11	put one's cards on the table	
12	right off the bat	
13	the ball's in your court	

## Idioms from Recreation cont.

### B. Matching

Now try to match the idioms on the left with the correct definitions on the right.

- |           |                              |  |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| _____ 1.  | a ballpark figure            | a) immediately, the very first thing                                   |
| _____ 2.  | a good sport                 | b) smart, clever, intelligent  |
| _____ 3.  | be all thumbs                | c) it is your turn to speak or act                                     |
| _____ 4.  | go fly a kite                | d) good news, something you are happy to hear                          |
| _____ 5.  | have two left feet           | e) go away, stop bothering me (usually said in anger)                  |
| _____ 6.  | in the same boat             | f) not correct, not appropriate  |
| _____ 7.  | keep the ball rolling        | g) to be honest and not hide anything                                  |
| _____ 8.  | music to one's ears          | h) an estimated number, an approximation                               |
| _____ 9.  | off base                     | i) to be a bad dancer, to have poor coordination                       |
| _____ 10. | on the ball                  | j) in the same bad situation   |
| _____ 11. | put one's cards on the table | k) a person who is fair and friendly, doesn't complain if he/she loses |
| _____ 12. | right off the bat            | l) continue to make things happen                                      |
| _____ 13. | the ball's in your court     | m) be clumsy, cannot do things well with one's hands                   |

## Idioms from Recreation cont.

### C. Complete the Sentences

Choose the correct idiom from the previous page to complete the following sentences. You may have to change the verb form.

1. He doesn't know what he's talking about.  
He is completely \_\_\_\_\_ with his information.
2. I don't want Robert to be my dance partner. He has \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Marie and Susan both lost their jobs last week. Now they are in \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. I don't know exactly how much that computer costs.  
I can just give you a \_\_\_\_\_ . It's about \$1500.
5. When the students heard that their exam was cancelled, it was \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. When Ben was trying to study, Anna kept bothering him.  
He finally said to her very rudely, "Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ !"
7. Ruth is a very \_\_\_\_\_ . She never gets upset when she loses a tennis game.
8. When I discuss the offer to buy the business, I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I want to be very open and direct. I want them to know exactly what I am prepared to pay.  
I think it will be a waste of time if we are not honest with each other.
9. He can't even sew a button on his shirt. He is \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. He offered to pay me \$10,000 for my car.  
I counter-offered with \$15,000. Now \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. Dave is always \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm sure he can solve our problem.
12. The leader of our project promised to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
He won't stop working until all the work is done.
13. When he met her, it was love at first sight.  
\_\_\_\_\_ he told her he was going to marry her someday.