

hobby

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[ˈhɒbi] *n*

1. конёк, хобби, любимое занятие, увлечение чем-л.
to ride /to mount/ one's hobby - (полностью) отдаваться своему хобби
hobby crop - **с.-х.** любительская культура
gardening is his hobby - садоводство - его страсть
my hobbies are tennis and stamp collecting - я увлекаюсь теннисом и коллекционированием марок
2. **редк.** = hobbyhorse 1
3. **арх.** лошадка, пони
4. старинный велосипед

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[ˈhɒbi] *n зоол.*

челнок обыкновенный, сокол-белогорлик, подсокольник, зябленник (*Falco subbuteo*)

II

[ˈhɒbi] *n мех.*

обжимка для заклёпок

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hobby [hobby hobbies] **BrE** [ˈhɒbi] ^{us} **NAmE** [ˈhɑːbɪ] ^{us} **noun**

(pl. hobbies)



an activity that you do for pleasure when you are not working

- Her hobbies include swimming and gardening.
- I only play jazz as a hobby.

Word Origin:

late Middle English hobyn, hoby, from pet forms of the given name Robin. Originally referring to a small horse or pony, it later came to denote a toy horse or hobby horse, hence 'an activity done for pleasure'.

Thesaurus:

hobby **noun C**

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interest • • **pastime** •

a **popular** hobby/interest/pastime

have/share hobbies/interests

take up/pursue a/an hobby/interest

Hobby, interest or pastime? A **hobby** is often more active than an **interest**:

- His main hobby is football (= he plays football).
- His main interest is football (= he watches and reads about football, and may or may not play it).

Pastime is used when talking about people in general; when you are talking about yourself or an individual it is more usual to use **interest** or **hobby**:

- Eating out is the national pastime in France.

✗ Eating out is the national hobby/interest in France.:

- Do you have any hobbies/interests?

✗ Do you have any pastimes?

Synonyms:

interest

hobby • **game** • **pastime**

These are all words for activities that you do for pleasure in your spare time.

interest • an activity or a subject that you do or study for pleasure in your spare time: ▫ Her main interests are music and gardening.

hobby • an activity that you do for pleasure in your spare time: ▫ His hobbies include swimming and cooking.

game • a children's activity when they play with toys, pretend to be sb else, etc; an activity that you do to have fun: ▫ a game of cops and robbers ◇ ▫ He was playing games with the dog.

pastime • an activity that people do for pleasure in their spare time: ▫ Eating out is the national pastime in France.

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national interest/hobby in France. ◇ Do you have any pastimes?

a **popular** interest/hobby/pastime

to **have/share** interests/hobbies

to **take up/pursue** a(n) interest/hobby

Example Bank:

- Cooking is her pet hobby.
- Cycling and karate are among her hobbies.
- Do you have any hobbies?
- He collects postcards as a hobby.
- He takes photographs as a hobby.
- Photography can be an expensive hobby.
- She never had any time to pursue her hobbies.
- Why don't you take up a new hobby?
- Her hobbies include swimming and cooking.

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hobby /'hɒbi \$ 'hɑ:/-BrE " AmE " noun (plural **hobbies**) [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: hobbyhorse]

an activity that you enjoy doing in your free time ⇒ **interest, pastime**:

- " What are your hobbies?
- " Susan's hobbies include reading, cooking, and drama.
- " Retirement gave him the time to pursue his hobbies.

—**hobbyist** noun [countable]:

- " a magazine for aircraft modelling hobbyists

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In everyday English, people often talk about what they do in their **free time** rather than use the word **hobbies**:

- What do you do in your free time?
- In my free time, I like reading and cooking.

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- **hobby** an activity that you enjoy, and that you like to spend time doing when you are not working: Stamp collecting has been a hobby of mine since I was a child. | We had to write an essay about our hobbies.
- **interest** something that you are interested in and like doing or talking about: Her interests were the same as most young girls – pop music, boys and clothes.
- **pastime** *especially written* something that you do because it is enjoyable or interesting: Gardening was her mother's favourite pastime. | In England talking about the weather is a national pastime (=something that a lot of people in a country do).
- **passion** something that you feel extremely interested in and care a lot about: Football was his passion. | For the French, food is a passion.
- **pursuit** *formal* an activity that you spend time doing – used especially in the following phrases: The hills and lakes are used for a variety of outdoor pursuits. | Her son wasn't really interested in academic pursuits. | Mountaineering, golfing, and fishing were among his leisure pursuits

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