

Практическое занятие №12 Увлечения и интересы.

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CULTURE

Free time

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- 1 Look at the photos. What are the teenagers doing? Which of the activities do you do?
- 2 Read the text quickly. What do the numbers refer to?

85 1,152 million 75



Teenage leisure in the UK

Computer games and TV

In the UK today, fewer and fewer teenagers are playing games outside with their friends; 85% prefer playing computer games on their own. In fact, playing computer games is one of the most popular leisure activities in the UK. In 2003, British shoppers spent £1,152 million on computer games! In general, boys are more interested in computers than girls.

Teenagers also love watching TV. Watching TV is more popular with boys and girls in the UK than in most other European countries. In the UK, the TV is often on all day, and teenagers watch it before and after school. More than half of children have a television in their bedroom, and about a third also have a video recorder.

Sport and exercise

A lot of people are worried that today's British teenagers don't get enough exercise. Today, less than half of teenagers play team sports, compared to more than 75% in the 1970s. More than 80% of teenagers in the UK now prefer watching sport on TV to actually playing it. More than half of teenagers agree that young people are getting 'fatter, lazier and more addicted to computer games.' They want to play sports, they say, but a lot of local parks and sports centres are closing. New gyms are opening, but they're too expensive for most teenagers.

Essential facts

Average time teenagers in the UK spend playing sport:

- 15–25 minutes per day for girls
- 40–55 minutes per day for boys

Average time teenagers in the UK spend watching TV:

- 2.5 hours a day

3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 In the UK, are boys or girls more interested in computers?
- 2 Do teenagers in the UK watch more or less TV than teenagers in other European countries?
- 3 How many children in the UK have a video recorder in their bedroom?
- 4 How many teenagers in the UK today play team sports?
- 5 Why don't teenagers go to new gyms?
- 6 How long do teenagers spend watching TV on average in the UK?

7 1.05 **PRONUNCIATION** Listen and repeat the questions from the interviews. Copy the intonation.

- 1 What do you do in your free time?
- 2 How much time do you spend watching TV?
- 3 Have you got any other hobbies?
- 4 Do you play computer games on your own or with friends?
- 5 What about sport and exercise?
- 6 What kind of music do you listen to?
- 7 What else do you like doing?
- 8 Do you watch a lot of TV?

4 1.04 Listen to four conversations about free-time activities. Match the teenagers with their hobbies.

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| 1 Duncan | a riding a BMX bike |
| 2 Shama | b computer games |
| 3 Martin | c chess |
| 4 Karen | d listening to music |

5 Complete the sentences with the names of the teenagers from exercise 4. Which sentences are also true for you?

- 1 _____ has a lot of different hobbies and interests.
- 2 _____ doesn't get very much physical exercise.
- 3 _____ has a hobby that might become a profession.
- 4 _____ is very keen on physical exercise.
- 5 _____ sometimes goes dancing in clubs.
- 6 _____ doesn't watch TV but watches films.
- 7 _____ does aerobics.
- 8 _____ spends a lot of time surfing the Internet.

1. Прочитайте и переведите текст «Хобби». Выпишите названия всех видов хобби, упомянутых в тексте, распределив их по колонкам.

doing things	making things	collecting things	learning things

Hobby

Hobbies differ like tastes. If you have chosen a hobby according to your character and taste you are lucky because your life becomes more interesting.

Hobbies are divided into four large groups: doing things, making things, collecting things, and learning things.

The most popular of all hobby groups is doing things. It includes a wide variety of activities, from gardening to travelling and from chess to volleyball.

Gardening is one of the oldest man's hobbies. It is a well-known fact that the English are very fond of gardening and growing flowers, especially roses.

Both grown-ups and children are fond of playing different computer games. This is a relatively new hobby but it is becoming more and more popular.

Making things includes drawing, painting, making sculpture, designing costumes, handicrafts. Some hobbyists write music or play musical instruments. President Bill Clinton, for example, plays the saxophone.

Almost everyone collects something at some period in his life: stamps, coins, matchboxes, books, records, postcards, toys, watches. Some collections have no real value. Others become so large and so valuable that they are housed in museums and galleries.

No matter what kind of hobby a person has, he always has the opportunity of learning much from it. By reading about the things he is interested in he is adding to what he knows. Learning new things can be the most exciting aspect of a hobby.

2. Найдите перевод следующих предложений в тексте:

1. Хобби отличаются, как и вкусы.
2. И взрослые и дети любят играть в разные компьютерные игры.
3. Некоторые коллекции не имеют определенную ценность.
4. Почти каждый человек в какой-то определенный период своей жизни что-то коллекционирует.
5. Какое бы хобби ни было у человека, у него всегда есть возможность многому научиться.

3. Match the name of the hobby with its definition.

Cooking	Sport	Collecting
Gardening	Reading	

1. This hobby is popular among the people of all ages. People like to go the stadium or to the sports ground. They are strong and cheerful. Their hobby helps them to develop their mind and body and teaches them to plan their time.

2. This hobby is interesting and useful. People try to find or buy different things such as stamps, badges, coins, pictures, dolls, etc. their collections can be thematic. This hobby helps to make new friends and to learn some new things about countries and lands, animals and birds, famous people and historical events.

3. People like to work in the garden and to spend some time in the fresh air. They are fond of flowers, bushes, trees, plants. They like nature and admire the beauty of nature. Their hobby is the best way to relax.

4. People like to make new dishes. They often cook for the family and for the friends. They can present the food nicely and lay the table. They use spices (vinegar, oil, pepper). They can boil or fry meat, fish, and chicken and make soups and deserts.

5. People like to go to the library. Some of them have a good collection of books at home. And they are really proud of it. They can have different books: historical novels, books about animals. The hobby helps to relax and to learn the world.