

THEME 2 HOBBIES AND SKILLS LISTENING SKILL (YILDIRIM)

A. Listen to the TV presenter and underline the hobbies that she mentions. (Track 2.1)

reading magazines embroidery writing blogs origami pottery gardening
astronomy cycling camping making jewellery hiking arts and crafts

B. Listen to the TV presenter and her guest Roger and fill in the blanks. (Track 2.2)

1. Roger is fond of _____ .
2. He is keen on _____ .
3. His sister Jackie loves _____ .
4. _____ improves the relationship between Roger and Jackie.
5. Jackie is very interested in _____ .
6. She is skilled at _____ and _____ .

C. Listen to the interview and write the interviewer's questions. (Audio 2.5)

D. Listen again and underline the correct alternative in the following sentences. (Audio 2.5)

1. Tina prefers doing **indoor** / **outdoor** activities.
2. She enjoys **reading** / **drawing** in her free time.
3. She dislikes watching **science fiction movies** / **reality TV shows** in her free time.
4. She attends a calligraphy course **once** / **twice** a week.
5. She wants to specialize in **Japanese** / **Chinese** calligraphy.
6. She took up her new hobby **2** / **3** weeks ago.
7. Her new interest is **altruism** / **sculpture**.
8. She is a member of a local **club** / **charity**.

Audio 2.1

Presenter: Good evening, everybody. Welcome to our program Your Hobbies. Of course, all of us have hobbies, but they differ from person to person. Some people enjoy being indoors, so they prefer hobbies like reading magazines, writing blogs, origami and pottery. Others would rather do outdoor activities, and they take up hobbies such as gardening, cycling, camping and hiking. This evening our guest is Roger Hill.

Audio 2.2

Presenter: Hello, Roger. Welcome to our studio.

Roger: Thank you very much.

Presenter: My pleasure. Do you like indoor or outdoor activities, Roger?

Roger: I love spending my free time outside, so I prefer outdoor activities.

Presenter: What are your hobbies?

Roger: Well, I'm fond of camping. My friends and I often camp by the lake. In addition, I'm keen on hiking. I usually go hiking on Sundays. But my favorite pastime is gardening. I think gardening is great because contact with nature is good for physical and mental health.

Presenter: Yes. You can say that again!

Roger: Well, when I'm in the garden, I feel relaxed. And what I like most is to plant flowers. My sister Jackie says I'm very good at it. She loves flowers, too. She usually helps me in the garden. She watches me carefully trying to learn the nuts and bolts of gardening.

Presenter: So your hobby improves the relationship between you and your sister in a way.

Roger: Absolutely.

Presenter: How wonderful!

Roger: Yes. My sister also has some different hobbies. She is very interested in arts and crafts. My grandma says she is gifted in them. She is really skilled at embroidery and pottery.

Presenter: How nice!

Audio 2.5

Interviewer: Hello!

Tina: Hi!

Interviewer: I'm from the magazine Teen Life. We're conducting a survey about teenagers' likes and dislikes. Can you answer my questions?

Tina: Sure.

Interviewer: What's your name?

Tina: Tina.

Interviewer: OK, Tina. Let's start.

Tina: All right.

Interviewer: Here's the first question. Do you prefer indoor or outdoor activities?

Tina: I'd rather do indoor activities than outdoor ones.

Interviewer: What do you like doing in your free time?

Tina: I like drawing a lot. It's also my childhood hobby. I could draw very well when I was at primary school. It's a wonderful way to express my feelings.

Interviewer: What do you dislike doing in your free time?

Tina: I don't like watching reality TV shows. I think that's a waste of time.

Interviewer: Do you have a new hobby?

Tina: Yes. I'm very interested in calligraphy these days. I've found a new creative way to express myself. I take a course once a week. I want to learn different calligraphy alphabets. And I'd like to specialize in Chinese calligraphy.

Interviewer: When did you start this hobby?

Tina: 3 weeks ago. And I'd like to mention something new for me. It's altruism. Actually, it's not a hobby, but I'm very interested in altruism. I'm a member of a local charity. We help the needy in different ways. That makes me feel so satisfied!

Interviewer: Great! OK, Tina. Thank you for your time.

Tina: You're welcome.