Hobbies and free time ESL lesson plan (A2)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- What do you do in your free time?
- What do you like doing at the weekend?
- Do you play any sports or instruments?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
go out	to leave your home to do something fun	We go out every Friday night.
stay in	to stay at home	I'm tired. Let's stay in tonight.
collect	to get and keep things of the same type as a hobby	My dad collects old coins.
club	a group of people who meet to do an activity	I'm in a chess club.
member	a person who belongs to a group or club	She's a member of the tennis club.
photography	taking photos as a hobby or job	I'm really into photography.
gardening	working in a garden and growing plants	My grandmother loves gardening.
hiking	walking a long way in the countryside	We go hiking in the mountains.
camping	sleeping in a tent on holiday	We went camping by the lake.
board game	a game played on a board, like chess	Let's play a board game.

Grammar focus (10 min): Adverbs of frequency: always, usually, never

Paula joins a gym. Drew, the coach, asks about her habits. Paula says: “I always have breakfast. I usually walk to work. I sometimes eat fast food, but I never drink soda.” By the end of this lesson you can say how often you do things, and ask other people.

Form	Pattern	Example
Adverb + verb	subject + adverb + verb	I always have breakfast.
Be + adverb	subject + be + adverb	She is never late.
Question	How often do you...?	How often do you exercise?
Exact	once · twice · three times a week	I swim twice a week.

Watch for: ~~I go always to work by bus.~~ → **I always go to work by bus.**. Before the main verb.

Speaking (15 min): Teach me your hobby in three minutes

The learner gives a mini lesson on something they know how to do: what you need, the first three steps and one common mistake. You follow the instructions out loud and ask for clarification.

Useful language

- I’m into... / I’m keen on...
- I took it up when...
- It helps me to switch off.
- I’ve been doing it for...
- I’m not very good at it, but...
- once a week · every other day · whenever I can

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about hobbies and free time using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A2 hobbies and free time vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

enjoy · exhibition · into · video games · keen on · relax · practice · concert

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. I'm really _____ jazz.
2. She's very _____ sailing.
3. He plays _____ every evening.
4. I _____ the piano every day.
5. We went to a rock _____.
6. I _____ by reading.
7. There's a new _____ at the museum.
8. Do you _____ cooking?

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. How often do you go out with friends?
2. What do you do in the evening after work?
3. Do you prefer staying at home or going out?
4. What are you good at?
5. What did you do last weekend?

Write

Write 80–120 words about hobbies and free time. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 into · 2 keen on · 3 video games · 4 practice · 5 concert · 6 relax · 7 exhibition · 8 enjoy