



UNIT 10A · GENERAL A1

I like dancing

Class Book and Workbook · one complete unit

By the end you will...

- Talk about free time activities with like/love/hate + -ing
- Use the -ing form correctly after like, love, hate and enjoy
- Ask and answer 'What do you like doing in your free time?'
- Give short reasons with 'because'
- Talk about your favourite hobby in a short presentation

Warm-up · Free time

Think about your week. Answer with short sentences.

- What do you do in your free time?
- Do you have much free time in a normal week?
- Name one activity you never do, but you want to try.

1. Lead-in · Free time: A or B?

Choose A or B. Use 'I like... -ing' and 'I don't like... -ing'.

- WOULD YOU RATHER...
 - A. Dancing at a party with friends.
 - B. Reading a good book at home.
 - Use: I love / I quite like / I don't like
- WOULD YOU RATHER...
 - A. Cooking dinner for six people.
 - B. Eating in a restaurant.
 - Use: because it's fun / easy / relaxing
- WOULD YOU RATHER...
 - A. Playing football on Sunday morning.
 - B. Swimming in the sea.
 - Use: I'm good at... / I'm not good at...

Find one classmate with the same answers as you.

2. Reading · Three hobbies, three people

Sara loves dancing. Every Friday, she goes to a dance class in the city centre. 'I love dancing because it makes me happy,' she says. 'I don't like sitting at home all evening.'

Tom likes cooking. On Sundays, he cooks a big meal for his family. He hates cooking alone, so his sister often helps him. 'I enjoy cooking with music in the kitchen,' he says.

Mei doesn't like sport. She loves reading and painting. 'I like quiet hobbies,' she says. 'I hate running, but I love a good book on a rainy day.'

Comprehension

What does Sara love?

Who helps Tom cook?

What does Mei hate?

2b. Words in the texts

Match the word with the meaning.

- a dance class
a lesson where you learn to dance
- alone
with no other person
- quiet
calm, not noisy
- rainy day
a day when it rains a lot

2c. Talk about the texts

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Are you more like Sara, Tom or Mei?
Answer key: Model: I'm more like Mei. I love reading and I don't like sport.
- Do you prefer quiet hobbies or active hobbies?
Answer key: Model: I prefer active hobbies. I love swimming and dancing.

The Most Popular Free-Time Activities in the World

Source: Apex English · graded news-style report · Original text written for Apex English (A1 graded reader)

A short report about the hobbies people love most around the world.

What do people like doing in their free time? A new study asks this question in twenty countries. The answer is simple: people love watching TV and listening to music. These two activities are number one almost everywhere.

Sport is also very popular. Many people enjoy playing football, running or going to the gym. In some countries, people love swimming. In cold countries, people often like winter sports.

The study also finds something interesting: young people love video games, but older people prefer reading or gardening. One researcher says, 'People's hobbies change with age, but everyone needs time to relax and do something they love.'

1. READ FOR GIST

- What is the text about?
Answer key: A study about people's favourite free-time activities around the world.
- What are the two most popular activities?
Answer key: Watching TV and listening to music.

2. READ FOR DETAIL

- Which sports are popular, according to the text?
Answer key: Football, running, going to the gym, swimming and winter sports.
- What do young people love?
Answer key: Video games.
- What do older people prefer?
Answer key: Reading or gardening.
- What does the researcher say about hobbies?
Answer key: Hobbies change with age, but everyone needs time to relax.

3. GLOSSARY

a study

research that asks questions and finds answers

popular

many people like it

gardening

growing plants and flowers

researcher

a person who does a study

4. DISCUSS IN PAIRS

- Are your hobbies the same as your parents' hobbies?
- Do you prefer watching TV, listening to music or playing sport?

3. Vocabulary · Free time activities

SET A

dancing

moving to music

cooking

making food

swimming

moving in water

painting

making a picture with colours

playing video games

using a console or a computer to play

going to the gym

doing exercise indoors

SET B

What do you like doing in your free time?

ask about hobbies

I love it because...

give a reason for a hobby

I'm not really into that.

say you don't like something, politely

Me too!

say you agree

Practice

Complete with ONE word.

- I love dancing (dance) at parties.
- She hates cooking (cook) alone.
- We enjoy swimming (swim) in summer.
- He likes reading (read) before bed.
- They love playing (play) football.

3b. Where do you do it?

Match the activity with the usual place.

- swimming
at the pool
- dancing
at a dance class
- cooking
in the kitchen
- reading
at home or in a library
- playing football
at the park

4. Grammar · like/love/hate + -ing**like/love/hate + -ing**

After like, love, hate and enjoy, we use the -ing form of the verb: I like dancing. She loves cooking. We hate waiting.

Spelling: + -ing

Most verbs: add -ing read reading, cook cooking.

Spelling: drop -e

Verbs ending in -e drop the -e: dance dancing, write writing.

Spelling: double the consonant

Short verbs (one vowel + one consonant) double the last letter: swim swimming, run running.

Negative

I don't like running. She doesn't like cooking.

Questions

What do you like doing? Do you like dancing? Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

like + noun

You can also use like with a noun: I like football. I like music.

4a. Write the -ing form

Write the correct -ing form of the verb.

- dance ____
Answer key: dancing

- swim ____
Answer key: swimming
- read ____
Answer key: reading
- run ____
Answer key: running
- write ____
Answer key: writing
- cook ____
Answer key: cooking

4b. Complete the sentence

Complete with like/love/hate + the correct -ing form.

- I ____ (love / dance) at weddings.
Answer key: love dancing
- She ____ (hate / cook) fish.
Answer key: hates cooking
- We ____ (like / swim) in the sea.
Answer key: like swimming
- He ____ (love / play) video games.
Answer key: loves playing
- They ____ (hate / wait) in queues.
Answer key: hate waiting

4c. Make questions and short answers

Write the question with 'like doing', then a short answer.

- you / dance
Answer key: Do you like dancing? — Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
- she / cook
Answer key: Does she like cooking? — Yes, she does. / No, she doesn't.
- they / run
Answer key: Do they like running? — Yes, they do. / No, they don't.

Look at the picture and use the grammar you just studied

Look at the picture. Write 4–5 sentences about what the people like doing. Use 'like/love/hate + -ing'.

5. Listening · A survey about free time

A researcher, Kate, asks Ben about his free time for a survey. Listen for his hobbies and his reasons.

Two voices — no narrator introduction.

Before you listen

- What do you say when someone asks about your hobbies?
- Do you like surveys? Why or why not?

First listen — gist

- What is the conversation about?
Answer key: A survey about free time activities.
- Does Ben have a favourite hobby?
Answer key: Yes, dancing.

Second listen — detail

- What does Ben love doing?
Answer key: Dancing, because it's good exercise and it's fun.
- What does Ben like doing on Sundays?
Answer key: Cooking with his mother.
- What does Ben hate doing?
Answer key: Cleaning his room.
- How many days a week does Ben dance?
Answer key: Two days a week.

5b. Useful language

Match the phrase with the use.

- Can I ask you some questions?
start a survey politely
- What do you like doing?
ask about hobbies
- How often do you do it?
ask about frequency
- Thanks for your time.
end a survey politely

6. Speaking · What do you like doing?

Work in pairs. Ask and answer about free time activities. Give a reason with 'because'.

- A survey about free time
A: Ask your partner three questions about hobbies.
B: Answer with like/love/hate + -ing and a reason.
- Planning a weekend activity
A: Suggest an activity you love doing.
B: Say if you like it too, or say what you prefer.

6b. Talk together

Ask and answer in pairs.

- What do you love doing at the weekend?
- What do you hate doing at home?
- Do you prefer quiet or active hobbies?
- What is a hobby you want to try?

6c. Mini presentation · My favourite hobby

Talk for one minute about your favourite hobby.

- Name the hobby: 'I love...'

- Say when and where you do it
- Say why you love it
- Say one thing you don't like doing
- Finish: 'That's my favourite hobby.'

7. Writing · My free time

Write 40–50 words about your free time. Say what you like, love and hate doing, and give one reason with 'because'.

WORKBOOK · HOME PRACTICE

Unit 10A Workbook

Do this after class. Answers are marked for your teacher.

1. Vocabulary gap-fill

Complete each sentence with ONE word from the box.

- I love dancing — I go to a class every Friday.
- She enjoys cooking meals for her family on Sundays.
- We like swimming in the sea in summer.
- He hates sport, but he loves painting pictures.
- I like reading before I go to sleep.
- She goes to the gym three times a week.
- I love dancing because it makes me happy.

2. -ing form or not?

Complete with the correct -ing form of the verb.

- I like ___ (dance) at parties.
Answer key: dancing
- She loves ___ (swim) in the sea.
Answer key: swimming
- We hate ___ (wait) in queues.
Answer key: waiting
- He enjoys ___ (write) short stories.
Answer key: writing
- They like ___ (run) in the park.
Answer key: running
- I love ___ (read) on Sundays.
Answer key: reading
- She hates ___ (cook) fish.
Answer key: cooking

3. Like, love or hate?

Choose the option that matches the smiley face description.

- :) :) — 'I ___ dancing.'
- :) — 'I ___ cooking.'
- :(— 'I ___ cleaning.'
- :) :) — 'She ___ painting.'
- :(— 'He ___ running.'
- :) — 'We ___ swimming.'

4. Find and fix the mistake

Each sentence has ONE mistake. Write it correctly.

- I like dance music.
Answer key: I like dancing to music.
- She loves to swimming.
Answer key: She loves swimming.

- He hate cooking.

Answer key: He hates cooking.

- Do you like to dancing?

Answer key: Do you like dancing?

- They enjoys playing football.

Answer key: They enjoy playing football.

- I no like running.

Answer key: I don't like running.

5. Listening · Three hobbies

Three people talk about their hobbies. Listen for the activity and the reason.

- Speaker 1: what does she love doing?

Answer key: Dancing, because it makes her feel free.

- Speaker 2: what does he hate doing?

Answer key: Cleaning his room, because it's boring.

- Speaker 3: what does she like doing on rainy days?

Answer key: Reading and painting at home.

6. Writing · My hobbies

Write 40–50 words about your hobbies. Use like/love/hate + -ing and give at least one reason with 'because'.

7. Reflection

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Which -ing spellings are difficult for you? Write two examples.

Answer key: Model: 'Swimming' and 'writing' are difficult for me. I forget the double letter or the missing 'e'.

- Write three activities with like, love or hate.

Answer key: Model: I love dancing, I like reading and I hate running.