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Read the following text and answer the questions below.

Most popular and common hobbies in the world

Spending time on a great hobby can transform and enrich your life. Hobbies can help you learn a new skill, introduce you to like-minded people, trigger more laughter, and satisfy your curiosity while giving you better stories to tell.

In this article, I'm going to take you through the most popular common hobbies in the world, explaining what each hobby is and how you can get started in that hobby.

Readers often ask us about "fun hobbies" or "good hobbies". But that is subjective to each person and their interests. To make it as easy as possible for you to start, we have prioritised a list of hobbies that require limited know-how and minimal investment, so you begin enjoying your new hobby today.

So whether you're hunting inspiration to limit your scrolling habit (guilty!) or you want to be more intentional with your free time by focusing on an area of passion, we've got you covered.

1. Reading

Reading books, newspapers, and articles is one of the most common hobbies in every part of the world. Not only does reading inform and educate people, but it also allows them to experience life from the perspectives of other people.

It's also something that does not require specialised skills – you just need to be familiar with a language.

2. Martial arts

Another popular hobby to try is one of the many martial arts. Not only are they great physical exercise, but it's also a fun way to boost your self-confidence. And while hopefully, you'll never need it, karate, kung fu, and judo all provide the added benefit of basic self-defence.

3. Jewellery making

With so many people spending more time at home the last couple of years, one hobby that's really gained traction is jewellery making. And it's no wonder – the range of materials that can be delivered to your home within days is incredible. And in addition to being easy to start, it can also turn into a side business.

4. Woodworking

One of the more fun activities to take up in the wintertime is woodworking. For the hobbyist that loves to work with his or her hands and see their creations have lasting beauty and high utility, woodworking more than checks that box. It's also a rewarding hobby for anyone who thrives on step-by-step instruction.

And you don't need complicated power equipment or a huge space to get started.

5. Gardening

You could try out gardening for several reasons: to produce your own food, beautify your lawn, spend time productively, or just relish the freshness of greenery every day. Gardening brings a deep sense of achievement, and this is why it's one of the most common hobbies in the world.

Compared to other DIY hobbies, gardening requires a lot of skill, knowledge, and patience.

6. Video games

With exciting adventure-filled video games coming out every year, it is not surprising why this hobby is so common among young people and adults alike. This is an excellent hobby for the more nerdy and introverted ones among you. However, you will need a good gaming computer to play the best (and latest) games that come out.

Source: [skillscout.com/popular-common-hobbies](https://www.skillscout.com/popular-common-hobbies)

Exercise 1. True or false? (3 points)

- a. The author of this article likes to scroll on their screen. **true**
- b. According to this article, fun and good hobbies are the same for everyone for around the world. **false**
- c. The article prioritises a list of hobbies according to how many people you need to practice that hobby. **false**
- d. Reading helps one learn something new, including new perspectives. **true**
- e. According to the article, martial arts are not a way to become more self-confident. **false**
- f. Jewellery making has become popular because people do not go out a lot. **true**
- g. To practice woodworking, you need a very big space. **false**
- h. To be good at gardening, you don't need any skill. **false**
- i. Videogaming is good for everyone, whatever their personality. **false**

Exercise 2. Describe your favourite hobby in at least 70 words. (4 points)

My favorite hobby is traveling. I love to visit new cities and countries. I like to see different cultures, meet people and try new foods. Last year, I went to Spain. I saw many beautiful buildings and ate delicious paella. This summer, I want to go to Italy. I hope to see Rome and eat a lot of pizza and pasta. Traveling makes me happy. And I do not need many skills to travel, only time and money. And sometimes also English language skills can help!

Exercise 3. From the list of hobbies in the article, which one would you like to try? Why? (2 points)

I would like to try jewellery making, because I love jewels, especially rings, and I usually wear a lot of them. I also like to create something with my hands.

Exercise 4. From the list of hobbies in the article, which one would you rather avoid? Why? (2 points)

I would like to avoid martial arts. This seems too physical. You need to fight to do martial arts. And to me it looks a bit violent also.

Exercise 5. If you could choose a hobby in relation to your skills, what would it be? (2 points)

I would say painting. I love painting, because I am a good observer, I like to look at things, to observe what happens, and I like colours. I am also a creative person, so painting offers endless opportunities to be creative.

Exercise 6. Translate into French (3 points):

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Consacrer du temps à un loisir passionnant peut transformer et enrichir votre vie. Les loisirs peuvent vous aider à acquérir de nouvelles compétences, à rencontrer des personnes partageant les mêmes centres d'intérêt, à susciter davantage de rires et à satisfaire votre curiosité, tout en vous offrant de plus belles histoires à raconter.

Exercise 7. Insert the verb in brackets at the suitable tense and form. (4 points)

If I had more time, I **would spend** it on a productive hobby. (to spend)

If she had had more money, she **would have bought** a more expensive computer. Now she has one she cannot use for video games. (to buy)

He got into a fight last night and now he's badly hurt. He **could use** some self-defence skills! (can use)

Working part-time **allows** me to dedicate time to my favourite hobbies. (to allow)