

Lecture (9)

Interests

Unit

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In Unit 2, you learn how to . . .

- use different verb forms.
- use object pronouns, and the pronouns *everybody* and *nobody*.
- talk about your hobbies, interests, and taste in music.
- say *no* in a friendly way.
- use *really* and *not really* to make statements stronger or softer.

Really / Not really

You can use **really** to make statements stronger and to make negative statements softer.



- I really enjoy knitting.
- I really like making things.
- I'm not really into photography

Not really can also be a polite way to answer no.



- I don't really have much time for hobbies
- No, not really

Answer the following questions. Give your own answers using **REALLY OR NOT REALLY**.

1. Are you interested in sports?

Not really. I don't really play any sports.

2. Are you into computers?

Well, I am really into computer games.

3. Do you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles?

Not really. I think jigsaw puzzles are boring.

4. Are you good at fixing things?

No, not really. I'm not good with my hands.

5. Do you make your own clothes?

No, I'm not really into sewing. But I really like shopping.

Complete the conversations with the sentences in the box.

Um, no. He's lazy and just watches TV all day.	✓ Not really. My mom knitted it for me last year.
Actually, no. My sister got it at the bakery.	No, but he has a big cap collection.
Well, no. I prefer to make peanut butter cookies.	No. I'm not really good with my hands.
Um, no, he just plays computer games!	Not really. He does crossword puzzles, though.

Jenny I really like your sweater. Is it new?

Kate Not really. My mom knitted it for me last year.

Jenny Can you knit or crochet?

Kate No, I am not really good with my hands But I bake a little.

Jenny Oh, did you make this cake?

Kate Actually, no. my sister got it at the bakery

But I like to make cookies sometimes.

Jenny Me too. Do you ever make chocolate chip cookies?

Kate Well, no. I prefer to make peanut butter cookies

My family loves them!



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 No. I'm not really good with my hands.
 Not really. He does crossword puzzles, though.

2. **Mike** I want to buy a Yankees baseball cap for my brother.

Greg Why? Is it his birthday?

Mike No, but he has a big cap collection.

Does your brother collect anything?

Greg My brother? Um, no. he is lazy and just watches TV all day

Mike Really? Does he have any hobbies?

Greg Not really, he does crossword puzzles, though

Mike Oh, yeah? My brother is on the computer all the time.

Greg Oh, does he do computer graphics?

Mike Um, no, he just plays computer games



Lesson C

Hobby groups

Some Young People's Hobbies

There are many hobbies and hobby sites on the Internet. Camping and chess sites are two of them. Although these two hobbies are very different, they have one thing in common: both are very popular with young people. Why?

One reason camping is so popular is because it's cheap. There are campgrounds around the world, and they're all different. Some have indoor swimming pools and restaurants. Others don't even have water! But the areas near campgrounds are almost always beautiful.

Camping is relaxing. Campers can get up early in the morning and cook breakfast with their family. They can spend the day swimming, fishing, going hiking in the mountains, looking at wildlife, or just reading. There's usually no noise, no traffic, and no stress. Campers usually sleep very well at night.

And what about chess? It's cool now, but in the past not many young people played the game. A lot of young people got interested in learning chess when they saw it on TV. And many famous people enjoy playing chess. Young people often follow what famous people do, even if it's chess!

More and more schoolchildren are learning the game. Many schools have chess clubs, and there are national competitions every year. And people can play chess on computers, too. That means a person can compete against a computer, or can even play against a friend or cousin on the Internet. You can play chess anywhere – even when you're camping!

B Read the article again. Then write *T* (true) or *F* (false) for each sentence. Correct the false sentences.

1. Camping and chess have nothing in common. F They have one thing in common.
2. Camping is popular because it's cheap and stress-free. T _____
3. Campers hardly ever sleep well at night. F Campers usually sleep very well at night
4. Many young people played chess in the past. F In the past, not many young people played chess.
5. The first *Harry Potter* movie helped make camping popular. F TV shows helped make chess popular
6. Many schools now have chess clubs. T _____
7. You can go camping on the Internet. F You can't go camping on the internet.

Conjunctions: **and, but, or, also, and because.**

We use *and*, *or* and *but* to connect two parts of sentences which are similar in grammatical.

For example:

1. I do photography, and I like art.
2. I also like books, especially history books.
3. I don't like biographies or poetry.

Contrast two ideas

I like climbing, but my friends don't.

Give a reason

I can't go on vacation because I have some work to do.

2 My favorite hobby

Writing**A** Read about this hobby. Complete the sentences with *and*, *but*, *or*, *also*, or *because*.

Message Board

Rock climbing

One of my hobbies is rock climbing. I go once or twice a month with my friends. We prefer to climb the mountains near my house because they are really beautiful. We usually go to Bear Mountain or to Kennedy Park. I prefer Kennedy Park because it's nearer. Kennedy Park also has a great campground.

It's great to be outdoors, but the weather isn't always very good. If it's raining or snowing, climbing can be very dangerous because the rocks get wet and slippery.

I can also go rock climbing indoors, especially during the winter. Sometimes my friends and I go climbing at the mall, but it's not the same. I just go once a month, usually on a Thursday or Friday.