

Free Time Survey

How do you like to spend your free time?

- I like to sleep and relax.
- I'm on the computer all the time.
- I watch tv most of the time.
- I spend a lot of time outside.
- I play a lot of sports.
- I do something different everyday.

Do you play a musical instrument?

- No, I'm not musically inclined at all.
- I used to play a little bit but I gave up.
- I play the guitar / violin / cello / bass
- I play the piano / keyboards
- I play the drums / percussion
- I play the sax / trumpet / trombone

Do you know how to read music?

- No, I'm terrible at music.
- I can read chords and tabs for guitar.
- I can play some really easy pieces.
- I used to be good at it but not anymore.
- I can read music pretty fast.
- I can sight read difficult pieces.

Have you ever studied martial arts?

- No, that doesn't really interest me.
- I used to be in martial arts, but not anymore.
- I practice Kung Fu.
- I practice Karate.
- I do Tae Kwon Do.
- I am a black belt.

Do you do a lot of swimming in the summer?

- I'm too shy to wear a swimming suit.
- I go every once in a while.
- I don't know how to swim.
- I'm an excellent swimmer but I don't go much.
- I go about once a week.
- I'm a total beach bum.

Do you like to go camping?

- There's no good places to camp in my town.
- No, I prefer to be comfortable.
- I've been a couple of times.
- I like to go hiking but I don't camp much.
- I love the outdoors but it's hard to find time.
- I practically live in my tent.

How often to you exercise or play sports?

- I watch a lot of sports but that's about it.
- I move as little as possible. I hate sports.
- I try to stay in shape but it's hard to find time.
- I workout a couple of times every week.
- I'm pretty athletic.
- If I miss my daily workout, I feel guilty.

How often do you cook for yourself?

- I eat out almost all the time.
- I'd love to eat out more but it's expensive.
- I cook most meals at home, but I'm terrible.
- I'm a decent cook, but I follow recipes.
- I know how to cook just a few meals.
- Cooking is one of my favorite hobbies.

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Naomi from Wales talks about her free time activities.



Dai: So, Naomi, so you're from Wales and you're eleven. So what does an eleven-year old girl

do for fun in Wales?

Naomi: I do music. I play the piano and and the violin.

Dai: How long have you played the piano for?

Naomi: Since I was about eight.

Dai: Eight. And what about the violin?

Naomi: About the same?

Dai: OK, and what kind of level are you at now, then, at the piano?

Naomi: I just passed my grade three.

Dai: Oh, congratulations. So that's grade three of ... what is that?

Naomi: Of ... you have different levels.

Dai: OK. And it starts at grade ...?

Naomi: One. And it gets harder.

Dai: Up till ... what's the highest grade you can get?

Naomi: Eight.

Dai: Oh, grade eight. So, you're a grade three now. So I guess the next one you're gonna do is grade four?

Naomi: Yeah.

Dai: OK, and so what do you have to do? What kind of test is it?

Naomi: You learn three pieces.

Dai: Three pieces of music.

Naomi: Yeah. And you have to play them and you have to do some singing.

Dai: Oh, really?

Naomi: Yeah. And some ...

Dai: Is that like sight reading? You look at the script and you have to sing the notes or ... ?

Naomi: No, somebody plays a tune for you and you have to sing it, exactly the same tune that they played, and there's sight reading where you have to look at the page and then play it on the piano.

Dai: Oh, wow. Is that hard?

Naomi: Yeah.

Dai: Yeah. I can imagine. So often ... how much do you practice the piano then?

Naomi: It probably should be once a day, but I normally do it three times a week - about that.

Dai: OK. And you enjoy it then?

Naomi: Yeah.

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Dai: Yeah, is that fun?

Naomi: Sort of. It's not as fun as the piano.

Dai: OK. And do you do any other things in your spare time?

Naomi: I do guides and swimming.

Dai: Guides?

Naomi: Yeah.

Dai: What's Guides?

Naomi: It's like a group of girls and they do activities and everything and they meet each week to do activities.

Dai: Like what kind of activities do you do?

Naomi: Well, you can go camping sometimes, and you just do activities like sometimes you do sports and outside activities and lots of things.

Dai: Oh, is it like, kind of like the Cub Scouts for the boys?

Naomi: Yes.

Dai: OK, so you have to wear a uniform?

Naomi: Yes.

Dai: OK, can you explain the uniform for me?

Naomi: It's sort of this dark blue and you can either wear jeans or joggers or these trousers.

Dai: Joggers? What are joggers?

Naomi: Trousers that you wear for sports.



Dai: Oh, for like jogging. Oh, OK. well, sounds like you have ... you do a lot of fun things in your spare time.

Naomi: Yeah.

Dai: OK, well, it was very nice to talk to you and good luck with your piano and your violin.

Naomi: Thank you.

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Keep the Conversation Going

Telling a story about what you do in your free time is a great way to keep a conversation going.

A: What do you do in your free time?

B: I spend a lot of time practicing the trumpet.

A: When it comes to music, I _____

Do you _____ ?

A: What did you do over the weekend?

B: Not much, since the weather was bad I watched a lot of tv.

A: Whenever the weather is bad I like to _____

Have you ever _____ ?

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