

IELTS SPEAKING TIPS. LEISURE TIME. TRANSCRIPT

*Describe what you usually do in your leisure time. You should say:
what you do
who you do it with
where you do it
And explain why you like to spend your free time in this way.*

Well, my leisure time activities have changed so much since the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Before Covid, I used to go out with friends for coffee and go to the cinema. During the Covid lockdowns I couldn't really do any of those things so I took up a new hobby. I started my own blog so now whenever I have some free time I work on my blog.

The blog is mainly about movie actors and acting techniques so I do lots of research and also learn new IT skills. It's very interesting because I can learn some fascinating things about my favourite stars. Besides writing for my blog, I sometimes play some indoor games with my friends and family members, things like chess and computer games.

Another thing I like to do in my free time is read books. Again this was an activity I got into when I had to go into self-isolation after coming back to my country from a trip abroad. I didn't want to just spend all my time watching Netflix so I ordered some books on amazon. It really helped me to cope with quarantine. I mostly read non-fiction books and historical books as I find them more practical than fiction.

Let's see what else, oh yes, cooking. I really enjoy creating my own healthy dishes and again, surprise surprise, I started doing this while I was stuck at home during lockdown.

Why do I like these activities? Well obviously, as I mentioned, I can do them indoors. They help me to cope with isolation and in the case of cooking healthy dishes obviously this has another benefit, it keeps me healthy and boosts my immune system which is very important these days.

VOCABULARY

benefit (noun) - something good or helpful that you get or experience

blog (noun) - an online journal or diary where people share thoughts, ideas, and experiences

boost (verb) - to make something stronger or better

immune (adjective) - having the ability to resist or fight off illnesses or diseases

indoor (adjective) - Inside a building or in a place that is not outside

isolation (noun) - being separated or kept away from others

lockdown (noun) - a period of time when people are required to stay in their homes or a restricted area to stay safe

non-fiction (noun) - books or writing that is based on real facts and information, not made up

outbreak (noun) - a sudden increase in the number of cases of a disease in a specific area

practical (adjective) - useful and suitable for real-life situations

quarantine (noun) - a period of time when someone who may have been exposed to a contagious disease is kept away from others to prevent its spread

stuck (verb) - unable to move or get free; can also mean being in a difficult situation without an easy solution