

## SIMPLY STREET ENGLISH. WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME? TRANSCRIPT

**Girl 1:** In my free time I horse ride a lot, I also play the violin and so I play in orchestras and quartets and I used to sing in a choir.

**Boy 1:** I'm a fan of doing karate, so I do karate a bit in my free time and then also I like to read, so yeah, not so much, but mainly karate.

**Jake:** You said that was boring! That doesn't sound boring!

**Boy 1:** Well, I don't do too much, but yeah, just karate, but it is good fun, but sometimes painful.

**Jake:** I can imagine.

**Boy 1:** Yes.

**Jake:** More for them though than you?

**Boy 1:** Not always. I've had my arm broken before so that wasn't fun, but apart from that yes, no. Just sometimes a bit of gym as well just to help with karate, but other than that not really, just relaxing because that's fun.

**Jake:** That definitely counts as well.

**Boy 1:** It does, yes.

**Jake 1:** Cool, thanks.

**Old Man:** I act in an amateur theater company called Bawds, in Cambridge and help them with social media marketing for their productions, which this year includes *Wind in the Willows*, which has been performed here at the ADC Theatre in December.

**Jake:** Very nice! I might have to come check that out, I love the *Wind in the Willows*!

**Old Man:** It's great!

**Jake:** And yourself, what are your hobbies? What do you do in your free time?

**Boy 2:** Well, I mostly just do climbing. So actually it's a really good time at the moment, it's just got into the Olympics. So it's coming up next year. Went out earlier today in fact! To one of the bouldering Gyms in Cambridge. I'm really enjoying it.

**Jake:** What do you do in your free time?

**Man 1:** I do lots of sports and go out and explore, lovely places such as Cambridge and read and go to the cinema and yeah, do all sorts of things really.

**Jake:** Very nice. So kind of sports do you do?

**Man 1:** I go to the gym quite a bit so I do quite a bit of weightlifting and I also play a bit of football and I do quite a bit of boxing as well.

**Jake:** Very Nice.

**Jake:** So you say you used to sing so have your hobbies changed quite a lot since you were young?

**Girl 1:** Yeah, well I finished school last year and my choir was joint on with my school so I stopped!

**Jake:** Alright, fair enough. Thank you very much! That's it!

**Girl 1:** Perfect, thank you!

**Jake:** Do you think your hobbies have changed since you were younger?

**Old Man:** Yeah, actually I started doing theater when I was young then I went and had a family and did some work and stuff like that so I came back to do some theatre when I was a bit older. I'm returning to what I was used to doing.

**Boy 1:** Oh yeah so when I was younger I used to be really into music so I'd play a lot of guitar and a keyboard, but now with a bit of reduced time I find I can't learn as well so instead I play it just casually and I find sports just to be easy to manage, so that's why I've changed to karate, but yeah, I mean I used to read a lot in my spare time as well, but now I've got a phone it's a lot easier to waste your time and not read as much.

**Jake:** It is indeed.

**Boy 1:** But, yes, yeah, but apart from that, no, not really, I never really did too much, but yeah.

**Jake:** Alright.

**Boy 1:** That's about it.

**Jake:** Thanks very much! And yourself?

**Boy 2:** I mean, I've been climbing since I was five, so mostly just stuck with that for the most part. I mean, I did a lot of reading when I was younger, like casual reading and now obviously I, mostly just read for my university course so not much casual anymore but quite good fun still.

**Jake:** Nice one! Well, thanks very much guys.

**Boy 1 & Boy 2:** No worries!

**Jake:** Really appreciate that.

**Jake:** Do you prefer to have your free time alone or with other people?

**Old Woman:** No, definitely with other people. I mean I don't mind standing by myself, but if I want to have fun, I go out with my friends.

**Jake:** Thank you very much. Appreciate it!

**Man:** That depends on my mood. I think that with most people, it's the same. Some days I'm feeling sociable, some days, not so much.

**Jake:** That's a good answer.

**Man:** Yeah.

**Jake:** Alright, thanks very much for your time.

**Man:** No worries, thank you.

**Jake:** And so, do you prefer to have free time alone or with other people?

**Old Man:** Generally with other people, yeah. I'm a social being, definitely.

**Jake:** Very nice. Thank you for your help.

**Old Man:** That's alright.

**Jake:** Appreciate it!

## VOCABULARY

appreciate (verb) - to recognize the good qualities of somebody/something

bouldering (noun) - the sport or activity of climbing on large rocks

boxing (noun) - a sport in which two people fight each other with their hands, while wearing very large thick gloves (called boxing gloves)

casual (adjective) - not showing much care or thought; seeming not to be worried; not wanting to show that something is important to you

casually (adverb) - in a way that shows you are calm and relaxed

change (verb) - to become different

choir (noun) - a group of people who sing together, for example in church services or public performances

climbing (noun) - the sport or activity of climbing rocks or mountains

counts (verb) - to be important

explore (verb) - to travel to or around an area or a country in order to learn about it

mainly (adverb) - more than anything else; also used to talk about the most important reason for something

marketing (noun) - the activity of presenting, advertising and selling a company's products or services in the best possible way

mood (noun) - the way you are feeling at a particular time

mostly (adverb) - mainly; generally

Olympics (noun) - an international sports festival held every four years in summer, each time in a different country

orchestra (noun) - a large group of people who play various musical instruments together, led by a conductor

painful (adjective) - causing you pain

quartet (noun) - a group of four musicians or singers who play or sing together

stuff (noun) - used to refer to a substance, material, group of objects, etc. when you do not know the name, when the name is not important or when it is obvious what you are talking about

theater (noun) - a building with a stage in it, on which plays, shows, and other performances take place

weightlifting (noun) - the sport or activity of lifting heavy weights