

THIS ENGLISH MALARKEY. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES? TRANSCRIPT

Woman 1: I like painting, cycling, reading.

Woman 2: Yeah, so I like going to the gym and I also practice fencing.

Man 1: Running mainly. Yeah, I cycle quite a lot.

Jake: And yourself, what are your hobbies?

Woman 3: Volleyball, horse riding, does that count?

Jake: Nice, yeah, of course it counts.

Girl 1: What else do I like doing? Watching Netflix. Love watching Netflix, especially crime documentaries. Listening to crime podcasts.

Jake: What are your hobbies?

Woman 4: I really like to read. I read a lot of fantasy books and science fiction. I also enjoy running. What else?

Man 1: Long-distance running, really. Yeah, marathons and above, I suppose. Maybe a bit of ultra running in there as well. Good mix, lots of training involved, I suppose, but yeah, I like to be outside a lot and just explore around Cambridge and everything like that.

Girl 1: Not really have anything else. We're both at sixth form, so we do a lot of work. Don't have much time. Yeah, but it's nice coming out in Cambridge. First time we've been out since after exams.

Jake: What got you into you get into running?

Man 1: Just at school, really. I did a lot of cross-country running at school, and then also I like the adventure of getting outside and exploring different places, going to the mountains. I lived in Switzerland for a long time, so it was a good place to run. One of the reasons I went out there. Yeah, just a good place to explore.

Woman 4: I cook sometimes. I really like food, so I enjoy going out to restaurants to eat and learning new recipes in my own time. I think that's about it.

Jake: What kind of things do you paint?

Woman 1: Different things. I try to illustrate children's books and I also paint portraits and stuff like that.

Jake: How's rowing?

Girl 2: I love rowing. I've moved from boat houses to coxes and I row for my six-four as well. It's a really good community; everyone's really nice, and you can do it quite leisurely or more competitively. It really depends on what you like. If you live in Cambridge, you should give rowing a try.

Jake: Yeah, it is kind of illegal not to, right? Any favourite Netflix documentaries?

Girl 2: I prefer thrillers and adventure stuff, so things like there's a new season of "Ye" coming out. I quite like that. 13 Reasons Why is good. Money Heist - I really love Money Heist.

Girl 1: Yeah, I don't understand Spanish, but I like it anyway.

Jake: Subtitles.

Girl 1: Yeah, exactly.

Woman 2: What else do I like? Fencing.

Jake: Okay, I haven't heard that one today. How did you get into fencing?

Woman 2: It was at university. It was one of the sports they offered. I'd never done it before and thought it sounded really interesting.

Jake: Can you teach us one quick thing about fencing that you might not otherwise know?

Woman: There are three weapons you can fence with: épée, foil, and sabre.

Jake: That's so cool.

Girl 1: I'm mainly a podcast person, so when I'm doing work, I listen to a lot of podcasts. I like 13 Reasons Why or Outer Banks. That's a good one.

Jake: Not many mountains around here.

Man 1: No, it's all good though. There's nice countryside around here.

Jake: This is PB (personal best) country.

Man 1: Yeah, exactly. It is indeed.

Jake: 100 percent.

Woman 2: I studied English, so I read a lot of more technical stuff for that. I did a whole range of poetry, prose, and drama. But in my own time, I enjoy murder mysteries. Murder mysteries and fantasy are probably my two favourite genres.

Jake: Studying English didn't actually kill your love for reading, which is good.

Woman 2: I still really enjoy it, even if it's different stuff.

Jake: Anything else to add about your hobbies?

Man 1: Yeah, I'm a history teacher, so I like history, obviously. I read a lot and things like that and of course, cycling. I run a mountain bike club at my school and get them outside to explore different places. I also do lots of bike maintenance with them, like teaching them how to straighten a wheel and change their tubes and tires.

Jake: Can you tell me more about reading? Have you always been a reader, or have your hobbies changed since you were young?

Woman 1: I've always loved reading, ever since I was a little kid. I'd get about 10 books a week from the library and just read them all at home.

Jake: Have your hobbies changed since you were younger?

Woman 1: Not really, actually.

Jake: Always enjoyed painting, have you?

Woman 1: Yes.

Jake: Great. And yourself?

Woman 3: Yes, same, sorry.

Jake: That's fine, yeah, great,

Jake: How much of a runner are you? Do you really enjoy it?

Woman 2: Well, I'm just getting back into it recently, actually. I used to do 10Ks and things, and then I stopped for about a year or so. So I'm just sort of building that back up again. Very nice. Going more often.

Jake: Do you have any hobbies that you haven't shared at all yet? Or any hobbies you'd like to do?

Woman 3: Playing the cello would be really cool.

Jake: What's stopping you from doing that?

Woman 3: Not having a cello, I suppose.

Jake: Yeah, that wouldn't help, would it?

Woman 1: Oh well, I could think of loads of things, but I don't have the money or the time.

VOCABULARY

cello (noun) - a large musical instrument with strings that you play by rubbing a bow across them, like a big violin.

coxes (noun) - the person who controls the direction of a rowing boat by calling out commands.

crime (noun) - an action that breaks the law, like stealing or hurting someone.

cross-country (adjective) - a type of race where you run or bike over long distances, usually on trails or across fields, not just on roads.

fencing (noun) - a sport where two people fight with long, thin swords to try to touch each other with the tip.

heist (noun) - a big, planned robbery, often involving stealing money or valuable things.

illustrate (verb) - to show or explain something using pictures, drawings, or examples.

leisurely (adjective) - done in a relaxed or slow way, not hurried.

mainly (adverb) - mostly, or for the most part.

maintenance (noun) - the work needed to keep something in good condition, like fixing or cleaning things.

marathon (noun) - a long race that is usually 26.2 miles (42.195 km) long, where people run a very long distance.

portrait (noun) - a painting, photo, or drawing of a person's face or upper body.

prose (noun) - writing that is not poetry, often in regular sentences and paragraphs, like in stories or books.

rowing (noun) - a sport where you move a boat by using oars (long poles with flat ends).

straighten (verb) - to make something not bent or crooked; to make it even or in the right position.

thriller (noun) - a type of exciting story, often with mystery, danger, or suspense.

tube (noun) - a long, round container, like a metal or plastic pipe; also, a subway system in some cities.

tyre (noun) - the rubber covering around a wheel that helps it roll smoothly, like on a car or bike.

ultra running (noun) - a sport where people run very long distances, usually longer than a marathon, often through rough terrain.