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**Pastimes and Hobbies**

*Useful phrases/expressions*

* to be with/meet up with friends
* to chill out/relax/enjoy yourself
* to play/watch sport
* to listen to/play/download music
* to play computer games
* to go clubbing
* to go to the cinema/ the theatre/ a concert/ a club
* to wear smart/ casual/ comfortable/ fashionable clothes
* it depends what’s happening/what’s on/ who I’m with

*More for expressing interests and hobbies:*

acting, art, dancing, drawing, gardening, history, making models, music, painting, playing chess, playing an instrument, science, singing, taking photos, watching films, doing/playing sports

*Phrases with GO:*

go abroad; go swimming/sailing; go sightseeing; go camping; go by car/ bus/ plane/ train; go to the beach; go out at night; go away for the weekend; go for a walk

**Exercise 1 Ask your partner for more information. Use Present Simple or Past Simple tense.**

1. Do you like going to parties? Why (not)?
2. Do you like giving parties? Why (not)?
3. When was the last time you went to a party or celebration (for example, a wedding, a birthday party, etc.)
4. Did you have a good time?
5. What did you wear?
6. What kind of music did they play?
7. Did you dance?
8. Did you meet anybody interesting/ new?
9. What did you have to eat and drink?
10. Did you stay until the end?

**Exercise 2 Read the text. Complete the five rules with an infinitive.**

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| **to ask ~~to be~~ not to dominate to escape to get to give to go to listen** **to meet to start to talk (x2)** |

HOW TO survive at a party...... (when you don’t know anybody)

Has this ever happened to you? You arrive at a party or wedding reception where you don’t know anybody. Everybody there seems to know each other. What can you do? Here are five simple tips.

* Don’t stand in the corner. You need *1 to be* positive. Find somebody you think you would like 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and go and introduce yourself.
* Try 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ impersonal questions like ‘I like your bag. Where did you get it?’ That will help 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a conversation.
* Try 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the conversation. When you are nervous, it’s very easy 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about yourself all the time. Nobody wants 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to your life story when they’ve only just met you.
* Smile, smile, smile. Use your body – language 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a positive, friendly impression. That way people will want 9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to you.
* If you want 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from a really boring person, say that you are going to the bar 11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ another drink or that you need 12\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the bathroom. Don’t come back!

**Exercise 3 Online resource**

Test your vocabulary. Birthday picture quiz

<http://www.esolcourses.com/content/topics/celebrations/birthday/picture-quiz.html>

**Exercise 4** Complete the phrases for other holiday activities. Use the verbs from the box:

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| buy have hire meet rent spend ~~stay~~ sunbathe take walk |

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| *staying* in a hotel/campsite |  an apartment |
|  photos |  in the mountains/around the town |
|  souvenirs |  friends |
|  on the beach |  a car |
|  a good time |  money/time |

**Exercise 5 Speaking**

Read the examples and write sentences about your hobbies and interests. Use the phrases from the box above.

Examples: I love reading in my spare time.

I enjoy dancing ballroom dances.

I’m interested in maths/ history.

I’m not interested in acting.

I’m really good at making things.

I’m good at playing the guitar.

I’m not very good at cooking.

I’m bad at doing homework.

I am really into sport/ basketball.

I hate gardening.

**Part I** Work in groups. Tell the others about your hobbies and interests.

**Part II** Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about your preferences.

*Example:*

A Do you like chess?

B No, I don’t.

B Do you enjoy listening to music?

A Yes, I do.

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