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Unit II: Conversations with Friends Colleagues
Topic 1 : Speaking about hobbies



Hobbies in French *Les passe-temps.*

When talking about hobbies and sports in French, you don't want to just talk about what you enjoy doing or playing, you'll want to talk about what others enjoy doing too.

To help you construct sentences correctly, here is a list of the verb conjugations for both:-

- a. 'jouer' (which is a regular verb) and
- b. 'faire' (which is an irregular verb).



Get to know Jouer & Faire



Verb conjugations: Jouer

- I play = je joue
- you play = tu joues
- he plays = il joue
- she plays = elle joue
- we play = on joue/nous jouons
- you (pl) play = vous jouez
- they (m/mixed) play = ils jouent
- they (f) play = elles jouent

Verb conjugations: Faire

- I do - je fais
- you do - tu fais
- he does - il fait
- she does - elle fait
- we do - on fait/nous faisons
- you (pl) do - vous faites
- they (m/mixed) do - ils font
- they (f) do - elles font



I like/don't like/love....

To express your likes and dislikes, you'll need to use 'j'aime' (I like) and 'je n'aime pas' (I don't like). If you're really passionate about one of your hobbies, you can use 'j'adore' (I love)

Few examples

- I like to read - j'aime lire
- I like to run - j'aime courir
- I like to sing - j'aime chanter
- I like to talk with my friends - j'aime parler avec mes ami(e)s
- I like to work on the computer - j'aime travailler sur l'ordinateur
- I don't like to play basketball - je n'aime pas jouer au basket
- I don't like to walk - je n'aime pas marcher
- I don't like to play football - je n'aime pas jouer au foot



The verb 'jouer' (to play)

If you want to talk about sports ('les sports'), and in particular sports you play, you'll need to use the verb 'jouer' (to play).

You will need to replace 'le' with 'au':

- le basket - basketball (jouer au basket)
- le foot - football (jouer au foot)
- le hockey - hockey (jouer au hockey)
- le tennis - tennis (jouer au tennis)
- le golf - golf (jouer au golf)
- le rugby - rugby (jouer au rugby)
- le ping-pong - table tennis (jouer au ping-pong)
- le badminton - badminton (jouer au badminton)



The verb 'faire' (to do/make)

The combination 'faire de'.

- cycling - faire du vélo
- cooking - faire la cuisine - cuisiner*
- gardening - faire du jardinage - jardiner*
- hiking - faire des randonnées
- dancing - faire de la danse - danser*
- jogging - faire du footing
- doing DIY - faire du bricolage
- sailing - faire de la voile
- skiing - faire du ski - skier*
- swimming - faire de la natation - nager*



How often do you participate in French hobbies?

To be able to talk about how often you do your French hobbies, you'll need to know the following vocabulary words and phrases:

- never = jamais
- occasionally/from time to time = de temps en temps
- often = souvent
- rarely = rarement
- every day = tous les jours
- ____ times a week = ____ fois par semaine
- once/twice/three times a week = une fois/deux fois/trois fois par semaine
- sometimes = quelquefois



Conclusion

The French verbs above are used to talk about playing or doing that activity, but of course you can also use verbs like aimer (to like), vouloir (to want to), and détester (to hate) with them.



THANK YOU - Merci!