

## WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

We often enjoy talking about our hobbies and pastimes. Use the prompts below to ask your partner what (s)he enjoys doing in their spare time. Always try to introduce new elements to keep the conversation going...

- Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_? / How do you like \_\_\_\_\_?
- What do you like better \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?
- Are you keen on \_\_\_\_\_?
- How long have you played. . . \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do you ever go / play . . . \_\_\_\_\_?
- How often do you . . . ?
- Have you ever tried \_\_\_\_\_-ing?
- What kind/sort of outfit/gear do you need. . . ?
- Is it expensive?
- How long does it take to learn \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do you need (some) special training?

If your partner has some kind of unusual hobby, you can ask for details:

- *When did you start \_\_\_\_\_? / When did you first \_\_\_\_\_?*
- *Are you good at it? / Did you take any lessons?*
- *How long did it take you to learn \_\_\_\_\_?*
- *Is it exciting / relaxing / fun...?*
- *Isn't it too expensive / complicated / dangerous...?*
- *What is the best time / place to go \_\_\_\_\_?*

**Intonation** is very important, too. You must make sure you sound *interested* in what your partner is telling. Don't forget to express **surprise** when your partner doesn't like something you do:

- *Don't you? / Haven't you? (...echo questions...)*
- *Really? / Honest? / No kidding!*
- *Why not? / What's wrong with \_\_\_\_\_?*

If you are fond of something your partner doesn't seem to care for, you can use expressions of **encouragement** and **persuasion**:

- **Why don't you have a go? / You should give it a try.**
- **I'm sure / I bet you'd love it.**
- **You're missing something.**
- **It's good fun!**
- **It's not as bad / tough / hard / dangerous...  
... as people think.**