

# The Community Hobby Festival

Free time and hobbies

## PART 01 Warm-Up Activity

- Which of the activities on the list have you tried before?
- If you had a completely free weekend and an unlimited budget, which three hobbies from the images would you choose to do? Why?

## PART 02 The Scenario

You are members of a local community committee. Your town has been given a grant of \$5,000 to host a "Hobby Weekend" to help residents learn new skills and meet neighbors. You must select exactly four activities from the list below to include in the festival program.

### The Activity List:

- **Creative:** Pottery workshop, Photography walk, Baking competition, Gardening club.
- **Outdoor/Adventure:** Mountain biking, Orienteering, Foraging, Birdwatching.
- **Entertainment/Social:** Choir rehearsal, Chess tournament, Board game night, Jazz concert.

### THE TASK & GOAL

Create a final schedule for the Hobby Weekend and decide how to spend the budget.

1. Review the activity list and discuss the pros and cons of each option.
2. Select four activities that appeal to different age groups (children, adults, seniors).
3. Assign a time (Saturday Morning/Afternoon, Sunday Morning/Afternoon) for each activity.
4. Decide which activity should receive the largest portion of the budget for equipment or professional instructors.
5. Present your final schedule to the class.

### ROLES & PERSPECTIVES

#### A: THE TRADITIONALIST

You believe the festival should focus on "classic" and "calm" hobbies like gardening, chess, or choir. You are worried about the safety of adventure sports.

#### B: THE ADVENTURER

You think the festival should be exciting to attract young people. You want to prioritize mountain biking, foraging, or photography walks.

**REFERENCE** Useful Language

SUGGESTIONS & OPINIONS	AGREEING & DISAGREEING	EXPLAINING CHOICES
I suggest organizing...	That's a great point, but...	It appeals to all ages.
Why don't we include...?	I totally agree with you.	It's too expensive to...
I think [hobby] is better.	I'm not sure about that.	We need more variety.

**PLANNING & NOTES**

*Plan your dialogue here*

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**PART 03** Reflection

1. Which activity was the hardest to agree on? Why?
2. How did your group decide to balance "exciting" activities with "calm" ones?

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Target language practice.



TIME

**30-40** MINS

OBJECTIVE

To collaborate and negotiate in English to plan a community event using hobby-related vocabulary.

## GRAMMAR FOCUS

### GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

- I suggest organizing a workshop
- We decided to include pottery
- They enjoy hiking in the mountains.

## KEY VOCABULARY

POTTERY

PHOTOGRAPHY

MOUNTAIN BIKING

GARDENING

CHOIR

ORIENTEERING

## Procedure

- 1. Warmer (5 mins):** Ask students to look at the images from the source text. Have them quickly circle three hobbies they love and cross out one they dislike. Share with a partner.
- 2. The Task (20 mins):**
  - Put students in pairs or small groups.
  - Distribute the worksheet and explain the "Hobby Weekend" scenario.
  - Monitor the discussions, ensuring they use the "Useful Language" box.
  - Encourage Student A and Student B to stick to their roles to create a healthy debate.
- 3. Feedback (10 mins):**
  - Each group presents their 4-activity schedule.
  - Conduct a brief "error correction" session on the board focusing on gerund/infinitive mistakes heard during the task.