



## Class Objectives

What do you like to do in your free time? This is a very common question, so let's learn how to answer it! We enjoy talking about things we're interested in, especially when we find somebody who has a common interest. Let's work on expressions to talk about your hobby.

**By the end of the class, you will have:**

- learned and used new vocabulary
- practiced expressions to become more fluent
- improved your use of question tags in speaking
- talk ABOUT your hobbies in detail

**Difficulty:** White Belt and above

## MODEL : It's a Metaphor of Life

**To be honest**, between fathering and working, I don't have **a lot of time** for hobbies. I enjoy exercising when I can, and I should get back into it.

I used to do yoga and **running**.

I used to do yoga and **jogging**.

I've kinda gotten out of that routine, but I want to get back into it. **I guess** learning is my main hobby. I'm enjoying learning **a ton** about video and design, business, **aesthetics**, people, **not to mention** my language and how to teach it.

I'm **not a big sports fan**, but I enjoy watching and reading about MMA, or mixed martial arts. To me, MMA is a **metaphor for life**. Each person involved in a fight (fighters, coaches, nutritionists, and their entire team) prepare for weeks and have a plan to achieve a specific goal. In MMA, the goal is to defeat a specific person in a 1-on-1 athletic competition. And then they **go in** and try to execute that plan.

This is what we do in life, **isn't it**? We have a goal (exam certificate, X university, Y job, going to Z country, etc.), and then we work towards achieving that goal. **That is**, if you're a **goal-oriented person**. If not, you could still enjoy it for the sport. Especially if you **pick up on** some of the techniques and strategy. **There's something for everybody**. If you like knockouts, there are plenty of those. If you don't like violence that much, you might enjoy the jiu-jitsu since there is no punching and kicking.

Anyway, this is me and what I like; now I'd like to hear about you. Tell me about your hobby and what you like to do. You should say:

- what your hobby is
- why you like it
- details about it



## VOCABULARY

Take notes about the following words so you can understand the meaning. Use *context*, *dictionary definitions*, *synonyms*, *explanations*, *example sentences*, *pictures*, or any other creative way to learn the new words and phrases. NOTE: Please do NOT use your language to understand the concept.

running/jogging (n)(v)

a ton/ a ton of (adj)

aesthetics (n)

go in (phrasal verb)

goal-oriented (adj)

pick up on (phrasal verb)

## FLUECNY BUILDERS and EXPRESSIONS

These expressions will help you sound more fluent. Brainstorm and see how you can use these in your presentation.

To be honest -

a lot of time (uncountable) / many times (countable).

I guess...

Not to mention...

To (not) be a big fan

That is...

By the time...

As I said before...

There's something for everybody.

## GRAMMAR

**Question tags** are used to engage the other person in your conversation. They are a small detail, but if used correctly, they can make a BIG DIFFERENCE in making you sound more fluent.



There are some basic things to remember when using question tags.

**1. Use the opposite form**

If the verb in the sentence is positive, the question tag is negative. If the verb is negative, the question tag is positive.

*This is what we do in life, isn't it?*

*This isn't the final product, is it?*

*You didn't see that movie, did you?*

*You saw that movie, didn't you?*

**2. Intonation changes the communication**

Use up intonation in your voice to communicate a genuine question.

*You didn't see that movie, did you?*

Use down intonation in your voice to make a statement

*You didn't see that movie, did you?*

**METAPHOR for life**

A metaphor is using one thing to directly describe another thing.

**A = B**

"The world is a stage. And all the men and women are merely players." - William Shakespeare

- The world = a stage

That goal keeper was a brick wall during the championship match. Nothing was getting through!

- The goal keeper = brick wall

To me, MMA is a **metaphor for life**.

- MMA = how life seems in certain aspects.

Write 5 examples of metaphors either describing your hobby or about something else.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_



## YOUR TASK: Introduce Yourself

Now it's your turn to talk about your hobby or interest. Use these fluency builders, vocabulary, and other language tools to share about your hobby. Share your presentation with me on Facebook or in class.

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