

# Lecture 7

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**Unit**  
**2**

# *Interests*

***In Unit 2, you learn how to . . .***

- use different verb forms.
- use object pronouns, and the pronouns *everybody* and *nobody*.
- talk about your hobbies, interests, and taste in music.
- say *no* in a friendly way.
- use *really* and *not really* to make statements stronger or softer.

## LESSON A: LEISURE TIME

### In this Lesson

You learn how to use different verb forms.

### NEW VOCABULARY:

**Hobby:** an activity which  
someone does for pleasure  
when they are not  
working.

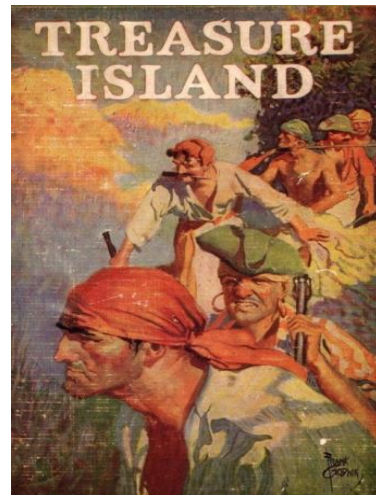
e.g. I like to fish as a hobby.

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### NEW VOCABULARY:

**Novel:** a long printed story about imaginary characters and events.  
e.g. historical/romantic novels.



### NEW VOCABULARY:

**Sculpture:** the art of forming solid objects that represent a thing, person, idea, etc. out of a material such as wood, clay, metal or stone.  
e.g. Tom teaches sculpture at the local art school.



**NEW VOCABULARY:**

**Design:** to make or draw plans for something, for example clothes or buildings.

e.g. Who designed this building/dress/furniture?



**NEW VOCABULARY:**

**Jog:** to run at a slow regular speed, especially as a form of exercise.

e.g. What do you do to keep fit?" "I jog and go swimming."



## LESSON A: LEISURE TIME

Can you paint?

Are you good at sports?

Are you interested in  
learning new things?

What else do you enjoy  
doing in your free time?

**College News**

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**Meet our new reporter for the *College News*. . . .**

The *College News* interviewed Eric Kane, our new reporter. Eric is a full-time student majoring in journalism. We asked him about his hobbies.

**1 College News:** What are your hobbies?

**Eric Kane:** Well, I enjoy writing. I like to do a bit of creative writing every day – in the evenings mostly. Someday I want to write a novel, but for now it's just a hobby.

**2 CN:** What else do you enjoy doing in your free time?

**EK:** Let's see, what else? Well, I design cards. I'm good at drawing, and I'm really into computer graphics, so I sit and learn new programs, and I play around with them.

**3 CN:** Can you paint?

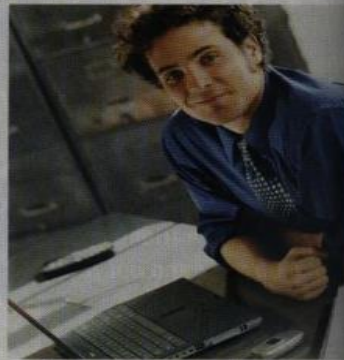
**EK:** Yeah, I draw and I can paint a little, but not very well. I'd like to do sculpture or something. And I like to do clay modeling, but I really can't do it at all.

**4 CN:** Are you good at sports?

**EK:** Not really. I prefer to watch sports on TV. I like to play pool. Is that a sport? I guess I jog occasionally. But I hate going to the gym and working out.

**5 CN:** Are you interested in learning new things?

**EK:** Yeah. I love to do new stuff all the time – learn new skills, you know. I'm really excited about writing for the *College News*.



## CAN YOU COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH VERBS?

1- I can \_\_\_\_\_ pool. (play)

2- I like \_\_\_\_\_ sports on TV. (watch)

3- I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ books. (read)

4- I'm not good at \_\_\_\_\_ new computer programs. (learn)

## CAN

Can is an auxiliary verb, a modal auxiliary verb.

We use can to:

- \* talk about possibility and ability
- \* make requests
- \* ask for or give permission

### Structure of Can

subject + can + main verb (base verb)

	Subject	Auxiliary Verb	Main Verb	
+	I	can	play	tennis
—	He	Cannot	play	tennis
		can't		
?	Can	you	play	tennis?

The main verb is always the bare infinitive (infinitive without "to"). We cannot say:

I can to play tennis ❌

### Use of Can

#### 1-can: Possibility and Ability

- \*He can drive a car.
- \*John can speak Spanish.
- \*I cannot hear you. (I can't hear you).



\*Can you hear me?

## 2- can: Requests and Orders

\* Can you make a cup of coffee, please.

\* Can you put the TV on.

\* Can you come here a minute.

\* Can you be quiet!

## 3- can: Permission

\* Can I smoke in this room?

\* You can't smoke here, but you can smoke in the garden.

## GRAMMAR: VERB FORMS

**can / can't + verb**

**Verb**

I can **play** the piano.  
I can't **play** very well.  
I can't **sing** at all.

**to + verb**

I love **to swim**.  
I like **to play** pool.  
I hate **to work** out.  
I prefer **to watch** TV.  
I'd like **to play** jazz.

**Preposition + verb + -ing**

I'm good **at drawing** people.  
I'm not interested **in skiing**.

**Verb + -ing**

I love **swimming**.  
I like **playing** pool.  
I hate **working** out.  
I prefer **watching** TV.  
I enjoy **reading**.

**In conversation . . .**

*I like / love / hate to + verb*  
is more common than  
*I like / love / hate + verb + -ing.*

**I like to . . .**

**I like . . .ing**

**I love to . . .**

**I love . . .ing**

**I hate to . . .**

**I hate . . .ing**

## COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- 1- Can you \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) Spanish?
- 2- Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (cook)?
- 3- Are you good at \_\_\_\_\_ (skate)?
- 4- Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ (play) table tennis?
- 5- Can you \_\_\_\_\_ (swim)?
- 6- Are you interested in \_\_\_\_\_ (join) an exercise class?
- 7- Do you prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (exercise) alone or with friends?
- 8- Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) a new sport?

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I love	I like	I don't care	I can't stand

\* I can't stand washing dishes.

\* I don't care about music

\* I like to watch movies.

\* I love going to the beach



Complete the sentences. Use the correct forms of the verbs in the box.

cook    do sculpture    draw    play    ✓read    work out



1. Pam and Victoria aren't interested in reading books. They both prefer to read magazines. They really enjoy reading fashion magazines.



2. Ian would like to exercise every day. He doesn't like exercising in the gym at all. He enjoys exercising at home with a video.



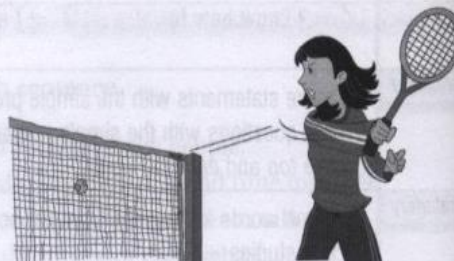
3. Sun Hee can't do sculpture now. She's interested in doing sculpture and would like to take a class.



4. Tom isn't good at drawing people. He can't draw people at all, but he can draw animals very well.



5. Amy and Sally usually like to cook, but they hate cooking Italian food. They prefer to cook Chinese food.



6. Erica can't play tennis very well. She enjoys playing tennis, but she's not very good at playing it.



## LESSON B: BOOKS

In this lesson,

You learn how to use object pronouns, and the pronouns everybody and nobody.

### NEW VOCABULARY:

**Crime:** illegal activities.

e.g. He has admitted committing several crimes, including two murders.



### NEW VOCABULARY:

**Poetry:** poems in general as a form of literature.

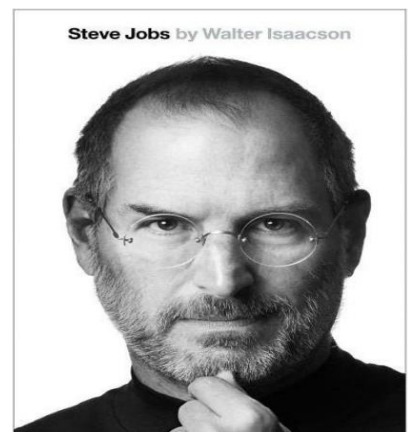
e.g. She started writing poetry at a young age.



### NEW VOCABULARY:

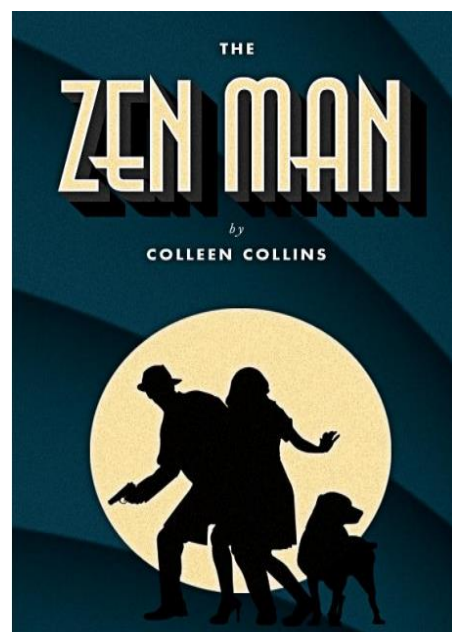
**Biography:** the life story of a person written by someone else.

He wrote a biography of Winston Churchill.



### NEW VOCABULARY:

**Mystery:** a book, film or play, especially about a crime or a murder, with a surprise ending which explains all the strange events that .have happened  
e.g. I really enjoy murder mysteries.



## NEW VOCABULARY:

**Science:** (knowledge from)  
the systematic study of  
the structure and  
behavior of the physical  
world.

e.g. The recent  
developments in science  
and technology



## BOOKS



I love ...	I like ...	I don't care for ...	I can't stand ...
crime stories			

"I love crime stories."      "Yeah, I do too. And I love mysteries."

