

pastime

[ˈpɑːstaɪm] *n*
 занятие, хобби; приятное времяпрепровождение; развлечение, игра
 sports and pastimes - спорт и игры
 to play cards for a pastime - играть в карты для развлечения

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pas·time [pastime pastimes] *BrE* [ˈpɑːstɑɪm] *NAme* [ˈpæstɑɪm] *noun*
 something that you enjoy doing when you are not working

Syn: †hobby

- Watching television now seems to be the most popular national pastime.

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from the verb †pass (verb) + †time, translating French *passee-temps*.

Synonyms:

interest
 hobby • game • pastime
 These are all words for activities that you do for pleasure in your spare time.
interest • an activity or a subject that you do or study for pleasure in your spare time: ▪ Her main interests are music and gardening.
hobby • an activity that you do for pleasure in your spare time: ▪ His hobbies include swimming and cooking.
game • a children's activity when they play with toys, pretend to be sb else, etc; an activity that you do to have fun: ▪ a game of cops and robbers ◊ ▪ He was playing games with the dog.
pastime • an activity that people do for pleasure in their spare time: ▪ Eating out is the national pastime in France.
interest, hobby or pastime?
 A **hobby** is often more active than an **interest**: ▪ His main hobby is football ▪ (= he plays football) ▪ ◊ ▪ His main interest is football ▪ (= he watches and reads about football, and may or may not play it) ▪. **Pastime** is used when talking about people in general; when you are talking about yourself or an individual person it is more usual to use **interest** or **hobby**: Eating out is the national interest/hobby in France. ◊ Do you have any pastimes?
 a **popular** interest/hobby/pastime
 to **have/share** interests/hobbies
 to **take up/pursue** a(n) interest/hobby

Example Bank:

- Eating out is the national pastime in France.
- Fighting is a popular pastime among some of the town's boys.
- Fishing is an enjoyable pastime for people of all ages.

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pas·time /ˈpɑːstɑɪm/ \$ˈpæs-/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]
 [Date: 1400-1500; Origin: Translation of French *passee-temps* 'pass time']
 something that you do because you think it is enjoyable or interesting ⇒ **hobby**:
 ▪ Reading was her favourite pastime.
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- **hobby** an activity that you enjoy, and that you like to spend time doing when you are not working: Stamp collecting has been a hobby of mine since I was a child. | We had to write an essay about our hobbies.
- **interest** something that you are interested in and like doing or talking about: Her interests were the same as most young girls – pop music, boys and clothes.
- **pastime** *especially written* something that you do because it is enjoyable or interesting: Gardening was her mother's favourite pastime. | In England talking about the weather is a national pastime (=something that a lot of people in a country do).
- **passion** something that you feel extremely interested in and care a lot about: Football was his passion. | For the French, food is a passion.
- **pursuit** *formal* an activity that you spend time doing – used especially in the following phrases: The hills and lakes are used for a variety of outdoor pursuits. | Her son wasn't really interested in academic pursuits. | Mountaineering, golfing, and fishing were among his leisure pursuits

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