

## Tiempo libre

Most people are keen to talk about their own preferences and will appreciate being able to say what they do in their spare time. Although a wide range of vocabulary tends to be needed to cater for everyone in a group, the basic language structures will be standard and can be practised with a core of vocabulary. In the activity outlined here, designed to practise exchanging information on spare time activity, the informal **¿Qué haces en tu tiempo libre?** is used.

### Getting ready

Display page 2 to present and practise the vocabulary. There are one or two new expressions but they're relatively easy to guess from English or from the Spanish learned already.

For the activity, you'll need a copy of page 2 for everyone, with the words removed. You'll also need a set of cards, depicting the individual pictures, for each pair of learners.

### Getting them talking

1. Learners work in pairs. With the cards face down in a pile, they take it in turns to ask the question **¿Qué haces en tu tiempo libre?** The other partner picks up a card and replies accordingly, e.g. **Me gusta jugar al badminton.**

After a few turns, change the rules and ask the person answering to pick up two cards at a time. The first card prompts a negative reply e.g. **No me gusta jugar al badminton,** and the second prompts a preference e.g. **Prefiero salir al restaurante.**

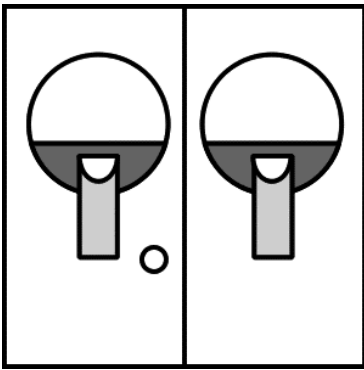
2. When the language has been thoroughly practised, give everyone a copy of page 2 (without the printed vocabulary) so that they can conduct a poll of who likes/dislikes the activities illustrated. Ask people to circulate and interview everyone else, along the following lines

**Hola. Buenas tardes. ¿Qué haces en tu tiempo libre?**

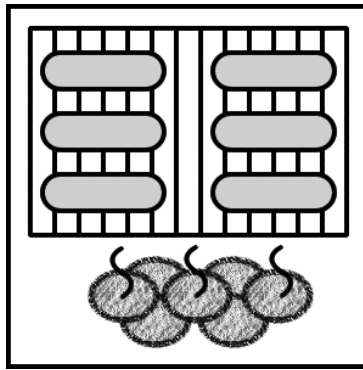
**Pues, me gusta ir a la piscina, leer, y ver la televisión, pero no me gusta jugar al squash. Prefiero ir al cine.**

**Muchas gracias. Adiós.**

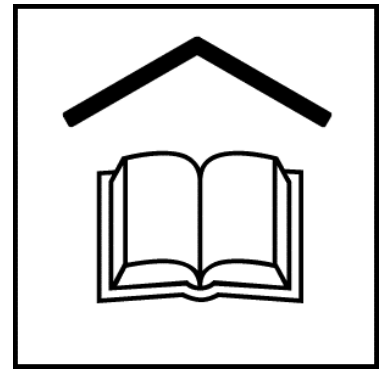
Learners reply to **¿Qué haces en tu tiempo libre?** according to their own preferences. The interviewer must listen carefully, putting a tick ✓ by each of the activities enjoyed, a cross ✗ by those disliked and an asterisk \* by the preferred one. Once everyone has interviewed everyone else, it's interesting to check on the number of people who prefer a given activity. The results aren't always the same – some people will have misinterpreted the question or the answer and some will just have chosen to change their story. It really doesn't matter; it's the practise at speaking that counts.



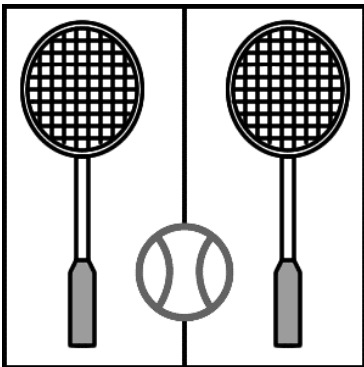
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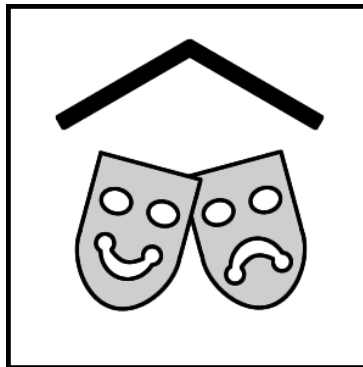
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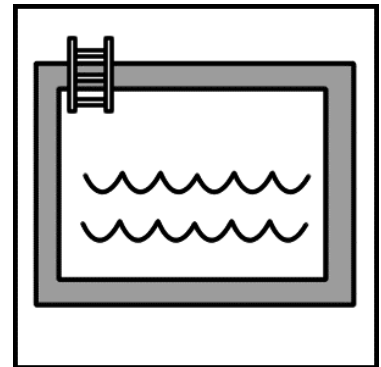
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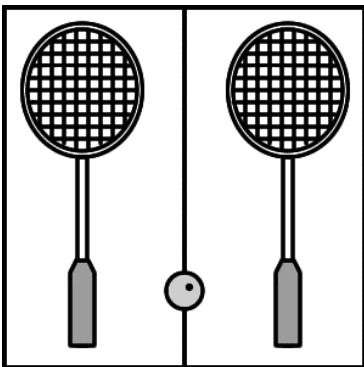
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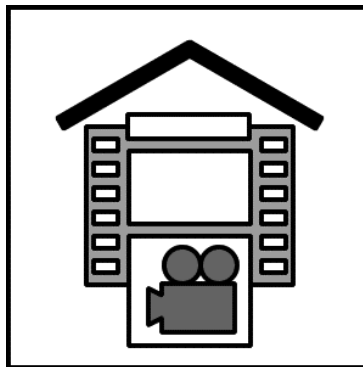
ir al teatro



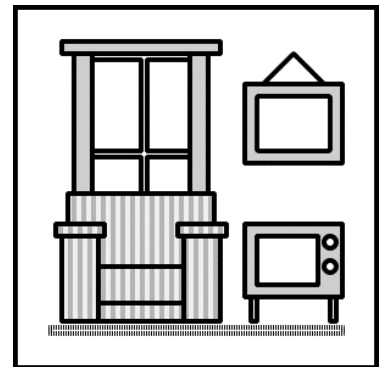
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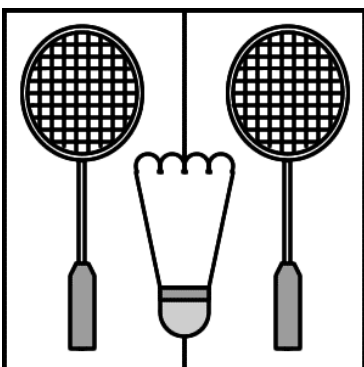
jugar al squash



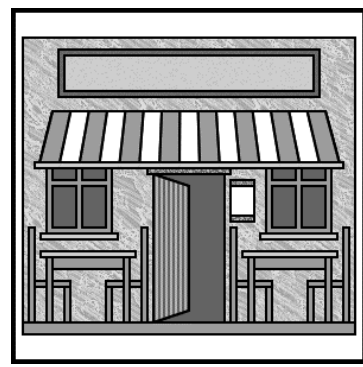
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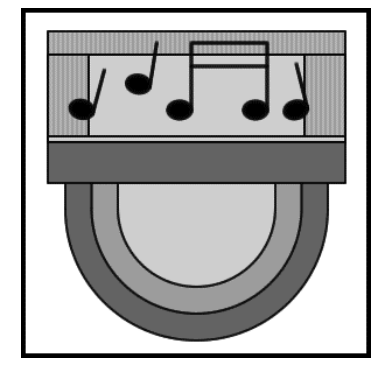
ver la televisión



jugar al bádminton



salir al restaurante



ir a la discoteca