

## Unit 9 الهوايات Hobbies

### 1- Listening to Music and Catching Fish:

Ahmad and Reda have recently become acquainted  
تعرفوا حديثاً على بعض.

**Ahmad:** Have you got any hobbies?

**Reda:** I'm fond of music.

**Ahmad:** What sort of music do you like?

**Reda:** I like Folk music. الموسيقى الشعبية.

**Ahmad:** Oh, really. And when do you listen to such music?

**Reda:** At different times of the day especially at night.

**Ahmad:** What about classical music?

**Reda:** I don't like it at all. It's boring.

**Ahmad:** Many people like it.

**Reda:** What about you, do you have a hobby?

**Ahmad:** More than one. I like to read. I also go fishing.

**Reda:** When do you do that?

**Ahmad:** Well, I read everyday but I go fishing once a week.

**Reda:** I know the value of reading. But what about fishing?

**Ahmad:** It taught me patience. I fry the fish I catch in the early morning and have a nice breakfast.

**Reda:** You're very clever.

## 2- Driving Sports Cars: قيادة السيارات الرياضية

The TV announcer مذيع is asking a famous film star نجم سينمائي about his hobby.

**Announcer:** What's your hobby?

**Star:** I like driving sports cars. السيارات الرياضية المكشوفة.

**Announcer:** You drive at a high speed? سرعة عالية?

**Star:** Yes, of course.

**Announcer:** But the speed limit حد السرعة is 60 kilometers inside the city.

**Star:** I don't drive at a high speed inside the city.

**Announcer:** Where do you drive then?

**Star:** I drive on the highway. الطريق العام بين المدن.

**Announcer:** The speed limit on some highways is 90 kilometers and you drive at a higher speed.

**Star:** Yes, I drive on the Desert Road الطريق الصحراوي to Alexandria in the early morning. I have to get up very early to go there.

**Announcer:** What make ما هي ماركة is your sports car?

**Announcer:** It's Italian. An Alfa Romeo.

## 3- Collecting Stamps: جمع الطوابع

Zeinab and Hoda like collecting stamps جمع طوابع البريد. They are talking about their hobby.

**Zeinab:** When did you start collecting stamps.

**Hoda:** Five years ago. Then, I was studying at preparatory school. المدرسة الإعدادية.

**Zeinab:** How did you get your collection?

**Hoda:** I used to get the stamps off من فوق the letters sent to my father and brothers and keep them in my album ألبوم. Most of my stamps are attractive جذابة. What about you?

**Zeinab:** I started collecting stamps three years ago. In fact, my penfriend صديق المراسلة encouraged me to have a collection of stamps.

**Hoda:** And how did you get your collection مجموعة of stamps?

**Zeinab:** Well, I used to collect used stamps الطوابع المستعملة as you did كما كنت أنت تفعلين. Later on بعد ذلك, I started to buy the special stamps issued التي التي issued to celebrate مناسبات certain occasions للاحتفال and the lives of certain people أشخاص?

**Hoda:** Do you like to sell some of your stamps?

**Zeinab:** No, I'd like to keep them. أحفظ بها.

#### 4- Reading: القراءة

Nagy and Said are talking about reading as a hobby.

**Nagy:** How did you come to be fond of reading? كيف أصبحت مغرماً بالقراءة

**Said:** In fact, my teachers encouraged me to read. They used to accompany us يصطحبونا to the library to read the books we like.

**Nagy:** And what sort of books did you read?

**Said:** Different kinds of books; historical تاريخية, scientific علمية and literary أدبية.

What about you?

**Nagy:** Well, reading is my hobby. Actually في الواقع, I now have a private library خاص at home. I buy old books and those issued التي تصدرها by the Ministry of Culture وزارة الثقافة. Some books are cheap مفيدة جداً but they're very useful.

**Said:** Have you heard about the Cairo Book Fair? معرض القاهرة للكتاب

**Nagy:** Yes, of course. I usually buy a number of the books shown المعروض there.

**Said:** Let's go together معاً, then.

**Nagy:** It's my pleasure. يسرني القيام بذلك.

### 5- Football: كرة القدم

Samir and Ramy are talking about playing football as a hobby.

**Samir:** I see that you're fond of playing football.

**Ramy:** Yes, that's right. It was fifteen years ago when I started to play football in the street near our house.

**Samir:** And when did you become a player in a football team? فريق كرة قدم?

**Ramy:** When I joined secondary school عندما التحقت بالمدرسة الثانوية I became a member عضو of the school team. We used to play with other schools in the city.

**Samir:** And what are your plans خططك for the future?

**Ramy:** I hope I can become a player in a famous club's شهير team like Ahly or Zamalek.

**Samir:** Do you mean you want to be a professional player. لاعب محترف

**Ramy:** No, I don't. I want to play as an amateur هاوى. I want to join the university الجامعة and do post-graduate studies عمل دراسات عليا if possible.

**Samir:** I wish you good luck. أتمنى لك حظاً سعيداً.

**Ramy:** Thank you, Samir.