

# Hobbies that work for employers

## Using hobbies to showcase essential skills to employers

Hobbies are a great way to showcase skills and attributes. Employers are always interested in what your child's skills and interests are, and how they may positively impact the work environment. Take a look at some of the ideas in the table below and discuss with your child how they may help them to stand out in the application and recruitment process. Reflecting on what their hobbies and interests say about them is a great way to help your child build confidence in preparation for the application process.

<b>Art/ photography</b> 	Creativity, eye for detail, techniques, passion, patience, idea development.	<b>Pet ownership</b> 	Dedication, responsibility, care, patience and time-management.
<b>Comedy</b> 	Initiative, resilience, creativity, idea development, humour and confidence.	<b>Puzzles</b> 	Strategy, logic, determination, analytical, problem solving and perseverance.
<b>Cooking</b> 	Creativity, attention to detail, patience, self-expression, multitasking and fast-paced decision making.	<b>Reading</b> 	Imagination, empathy, creativity and attentiveness.
<b>Dance</b> 	Creativity, dedication, perseverance, motivation, resilience, discipline, confidence and self-belief.	<b>Scouts/Guides</b> 	Initiative, teambuilding, confidence, leadership, communication skills and problem-solving.
<b>Drama</b> 	Confidence, self-awareness, presentation skills, dedication, resilience, teamwork, communication skills and creativity.	<b>Social media</b> 	Presentation skills, audience awareness, self-awareness and interpersonal skills.
<b>Gaming</b> 	Communication skills, analytical, resourcefulness and adaptability, technical skills and problem solving.	<b>Socialising</b> 	Communication skills, interpersonal skills, planning and rapport building.
<b>Make up, beauty, fashion</b> 	Creativity, following trends, research, techniques, interpersonal skills, confidence and attention to detail.	<b>Sports/fitness</b> 	Motivation, communication, passion, dedication, teamwork, leadership, time-management and competitiveness.
<b>Music</b> 	Dedication, creativity, teamwork (if in a band/orchestra), perseverance, memory, listening, collaboration and confidence.	<b>Volunteering</b> 	Motivation, passion, dedication, communication, interpersonal skills, networking, sense of community and empathy.