

Absolute beginner #8 - Talking about hobbies

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LESSON CONTENT

● Hej!	Jag heter Martin.
● Jag är 26 år gammal.	Jag bor i Uppsala.
● Jag är student men jobbar som cykelbud.	Jag är inte gift men har ett barn.
● Mina intressen är språk och att spela gitarr.	Jag gillar att läsa.

A lot of things from this lesson should already be familiar to you, which makes it possible for us to add even more information about ourselves as well as learning how to connect sentence.

Bo and

Where English has only one word, to live, Swedish has two. The translation we're looking for at this point in our learning journey is

. It's used when you talk about where someone resides.

The second word, which I'm just adding as a bonus, because of its resemblance to its English counterpart, is

– a word that does indeed mean

to live

but at this point, all you need to know is that it more often focuses on the act of being alive.

Talking about hobbies

When we talk about hobbies in Swedish, we usually talk about

intressen

rather than

hobbyer

.

When distinguishing something from your job, you would rather use instead:

Vara and

We already know the verb

and are extending our palette with the word

– another super useful word to know! We had both words in the sentence

As you already know, we can use adjectives with

, which we did in this lessons' dialogue. Here we had

which means

married

.

Conjunctions

To connect words and sentences, we use tiny powerful words called conjunctions in fancy-pants lingo talk.

In this lesson, we learned two super important ones:

and

.

Och is the only word that spells a long K sound with the combination ch instead of ck. However, this sound is only theoretical as the word is pronounced like *å*.

Gilla and

Instead of talking about interests and hobbies, we can talk about things we like with the verb

, which we learned in the dialogue of this lesson, or its synonym

.

Tycka om is a so-called particle verb, which means it has a main verb and a preposition or adverb as its particle. You don't need to worry about this at this point, just don't confuse this word with the stand-alone and remember that you need both the verb and the particle for it to mean *to like*.