

Section 1:

#1 "Almost every person on this planet has a hobby, and some of them are so bizarre that even a blobfish would be surprised. One of these weird activities is known as 'Cheese Rolling' and is completed by chasing a wheel of Double Gloucester Cheese down a hill."

Strengths: Your opening effectively captures attention with an unusual comparison to a blobfish. You've introduced a genuinely unusual hobby with specific details about the cheese type and the nature of the event.

Sentence structure → Your sentences in this section would benefit from greater variety in length and structure. You begin with two lengthy sentences that could be broken up for better readability. ***"Almost everyone has a hobby. Some of these pastimes, however, are so bizarre they would surprise even a blobfish."***

#2 "The next activity that I'm going to mention is trainspotting. As its name suggests, trainspotting is the action of spotting trains on railroad tracks. It isn't very clear why people do this, as trains are literally the only vehicles or large objects that are even allowed on railroads, and they're very common."

Strengths: Your paragraph maintains a consistent tone that matches the piece's overall light-hearted approach. You've clearly explained what the hobby involves in simple terms.

Development of ideas → The paragraph lacks depth in explaining the appeal of trainspotting to enthusiasts. You've stated what it is but haven't explored why people might enjoy it beyond saying it's unclear. ***"Trainspotting enthusiasts often collect detailed information about different train models, their historical significance, and unique features—similar to how others might collect stamps or trading cards."***

#3 "The three activities I mentioned above are just some of the weird, unique and peculiar hobbies. Some other examples include extreme ironing, competitive dog grooming, dirt polishing and beetle fighting. I could go on and on, but we'll stop there for now because I don't want to make this article too boring."

Strengths: You've expanded the scope by mentioning additional unusual hobbies, which reinforces your main theme. The casual tone maintains reader engagement.

Conclusion technique → Your conclusion feels abrupt and slightly undermines your own writing by suggesting it might become "boring." A stronger ending would summarise your main points while leaving readers with something to think about. ***"These unusual pastimes remind us that human creativity knows no bounds. Whether rolling after cheese or shaping living trees, these activities***

show that hobbies aren't just about passing time—they're expressions of our wonderfully diverse interests and passions."

■ Your feature article has a lively, conversational tone that works well for the topic of unusual hobbies. To strengthen your piece, focus on exploring the "why" behind these activities rather than just describing what they are. For example, you could mention the history of cheese rolling or why trainspotting enthusiasts find their hobby rewarding. Also, your paragraphs would benefit from stronger transitions between them to guide readers smoothly from one hobby to the next. Try adding connecting phrases that link ideas together more clearly. The conclusion needs more purpose—instead of suggesting your writing might become boring, consider ending with a thought-provoking statement about what these unusual hobbies reveal about human nature or creativity. Adding these elements would give your piece more substance and make it more satisfying for readers. Additionally, varying your sentence structure would make your writing flow better and sound more sophisticated.

Overall score: 43/50

Section 2:

Hectic Hobbies

Almost every person on this planet has a hobby, and some of them are so bizarre that even a blobfish would be surprised. #1 One of these weird activities is known as 'Cheese Rolling' and is completed by chasing a wheel of Double Gloucester Cheese down a hill. The first person to reach the bottom of the massive slope gets to keep the 3-kilogram wheel of cheese. Not to mention that this is a very accident-prone hobby, and you would be putting your physical health on the line for cheese. ~~Not to mention that~~ [Furthermore,] people who are lactose intolerant have no actual objective to complete when participating in this event, and that knocks out a good chunk of population. Overall, it's a very unique and awkward activity that isn't for physically weak individuals.

#2 The next activity that I'm going to mention is trainspotting. As its name suggests, trainspotting is the action of spotting trains on railroad tracks. It isn't very clear why people do this, as trains are literally the only vehicles or large objects that are even allowed on railroads, and they're very common. Trainspotting isn't quite 'weird', as it doesn't have much to it that is weird. It's just a bit peculiar. ~~Okay, maybe peculiar and weird have the exact same definition, but you get what I mean.~~ [Though 'peculiar' and 'weird' may seem synonymous, there's a subtle difference in this context.] Trainspotting definitely deserves to be on this list because of the mystery surrounding why people even consider this a proper hobby

One final activity on this list is tree-shaping. This refers to the practice of moulding trees into different shapes to make it look more aesthetic? ~~I don't shape trees, so I don't know for sure.~~ [While I haven't personally shaped trees, research suggests the primary motivation is indeed aesthetic.] However, tree

shaping is the first activity on this list to (maybe) have an actually valid objective and isn't downright boring. Sure, it takes up a lot of time, but if you're passionate about it, it could actually be a fun hobby (Even though it's still weird).

#3 The three activities I mentioned above are just some of the weird, unique and peculiar hobbies. Some other examples include extreme ironing, competitive dog grooming, dirt polishing and beetle fighting. I could go on and on, but we'll stop there for now because I don't want to make this article too boring. Essentially, there are some hobbies that are fun, some that are boring, and some downright weird. But they all have some of each other in themselves.