

The concept of "free time" was of great importance to our grandparents in 1960s and they miss these days bitterly because of the current living conditions. When compared with today's young people, our grandparents spent their free time doing various and interesting activities.

Grandmother 1: I used to help my parents on their farm land since they were farmers. As you know, being a farmer is a difficult thing, which takes most of your time so I tried to make the most of my free time. What I enjoyed the most was going to cinema in summer and watching new films. Of course, the cinemas were much different from the cinemas now. We used to watch love films which made us dream about love. We sat on wooden chairs in open air cinemas.



Grandmother 2: I remember reading books to spend my free time. Our generation is much different from the new generation. We looked forward to reading something. In spite of the hard conditions, we could obtain the books we wanted to read. We imagined ourselves as the hero of the book we read.



Grandfather 1: I was brought up in the countryside. Unlike the young who waste their time in front of the computer, I made the most out of living in the countryside. We played lots of different games. Football was our favorite but we also played games like skittles, leapfrog, hide and seek, prisoner's base and blind man's buff. We supplied the materials needed to play these games from our surroundings. We ran after the birds with our wrist rockets. We didn't have any problems like traffic or air pollution. We played in the streets freely. We weren't surrounded by big buildings.

In addition to these, we didn't have many -or for some families any- toys so we had to device our toys. Having friends was the only thing that we needed to play games. Some rich families could buy their children dolls, bugles and these things would get our attention very much.

Grandfather 2: We were interested in doing sports. While most of us were interested in playing football, some of our friends were keen on athletics and swimming. As being fans of some football clubs such as Galatasaray, Beşiktaş, Fenerbahçe, Altay or İzmirspor, we went to the matches of these football teams with our fathers.

Grandfather 3: I remember going to dancing parties organized in the city centre with great pleasure. The parties we went to were in decent places and the people who went to these parties wore chic and elegant clothes and we spent really qualified time dancing and enjoying ourselves. Nowadays, these places have become discos and pubs where young people go.