



Hi everyone, welcome to the Virtually Fluent podcast. I'm Charles and today we'll be discussing whether you think people should keep hobbies as a hobby or if they are so good at them, should they do this as their job instead?

What a great question!

Well, I've actually been in this situation myself and I decided to stick to keeping my hobby as a hobby instead. So I've always loved music. I play the piano, I sing, I play the guitar. I was a music scholar at school, I was also offered a music scholarship at university. I was pretty good at music. I studied music as a secondary subject and I got really good grades too.

As my main subjects, I studied business and languages, which I also loved but my grades weren't that great at school for these subjects. When it came to choosing my university course and what I wanted to do as my career, I had to choose between these two; music, which was my hobby and I loved it, I was good at it, or business and languages, which I enjoyed but didn't have the best grades. I actually decided to keep music as a hobby, something I can use to relax and escape from reality and studied business and languages at university.

I have a friend who was in exactly the same situation and chose her hobby, her love for music, as her degree at university and now she doesn't play music at all. She works as a shop assistant. She said her love for music disappeared while studying because she had homework, projects, exams and it made her fall out of love with her hobby.

So, for me and certainly given my experience, I would prefer to keep a hobby as a hobby and not pursue this as a career. But there are so many people that have converted their hobby into a business and it's been super successful.