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#### 15-second facts (No. 12 in a series) SPARE TIME AND THE BRITISH

You know your patients best, not as statistics, but as human beings. But how do they live when compared to the population as a whole? We thought you might be interested in some broad statistical facts about how people are living in Britain today. Let's see how they occupy their spare time.

- A Of all spare-time interests, the cult of 'do it yourself' is the leader. Some 41% of all adults make their homes their hobbies, 18% are keen gardeners.
- B Women, as one might expect, spend much of their leisure time usefully, 33% knitting, 21% dressmaking, and 9% embroidering and tapestry.
- D Music plays a large part in our lives : but not always the same kind of music. Pop claims an interest rating of 14%, classical 13%, folk 9%, and jazz 6%.

In spite of the attraction of TV and other leisure activities, reading still means something to us: the average household spends nearly 8s 0d weekly on books, magazines, and other periodicals.

Sources : IPC Surveys Division and H.M.S.O. Publications

