Favorite

المُفَضَّل

You have learned to talk about your “favorite” hobby. This is a common way to distinguish the things you prefer most. Note about the word مُفَضَّل that it is an adjective. Therefore, it follows the noun, and takes the gender and definiteness of the noun. Saying “my favorite hobby” follows the same pattern as saying “my new car” or any other noun-adjective pair.

هوايتي المفضلة

سيارتي الجديدة

This word comes from the verb يُفَضَّل meaning “to prefer”. Therefore, you are literally saying “preferred”. You can use the verb interchangeably with the adjective. It also makes a good substitute for “like” which tends to get overused by beginners:

مدينتي المفضلة هي لويفل – My favorite city is Louisville

أفضل مدينة لويفل – I prefer the city of Louisville