

Last Weekend

1 Warm Up Work with a partner.

- Look at the pictures below. What are these people doing? Write an idea below each picture.



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2 Reading Read and fill in the spaces.

Jenny Hi, Tom. How was your weekend?
Tom Pretty ¹....., thanks.
Jenny Did you do anything special?
Tom Yeah, I did. I had a picnic in the ²..... with my family.
Jenny A picnic? That sounds fun.
Tom Yeah, it was great - and it didn't rain! How about you? Did you do anything special?
Jenny Well, on Saturday, I met an old ³..... friend for lunch. And on Sunday, I picked up my mother from the airport. She's in town for a few days.
Tom Gosh – you sound pretty ⁴.....!

- busy
- school
- good
- park

3 Language Work Answer the questions below.

- 1) How was Tom's weekend?
- 2) What did he do?
- 3) Did it rain?
- 4) Who did Jenny meet for lunch?
- 5) What did she do on Sunday?

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A Quick Quiz

Do you know the past form of these verbs?

1 POINT

BUY
GO
COME
EAT
TAKE

2 POINTS

DRIVE
TEACH
SPEAK
CHOOSE
WRITE

5 POINTS

FALL
HIDE
FEEL
WEAR
BITE

Your Score: points

5

About Your Weekend

Write answers to the questions.

- 1) Where did you go?
- 2) What did you buy?
- 3) Who did you talk to?
- 4) What did you watch on TV?
- 5) What did you read?
- 6) What else did you do?

Now switch worksheets with a partner. Ask and answer the questions.

6 Do you remember? Fill in the spaces.

Jenny Hi, Jim. How was your weekend?
Tom Pretty good, thanks.
Jenny anything special?
Tom Yeah, I did. I a picnic in the park with my family.
Jenny A picnic? That sounds fun.
Tom Yeah, it was great - and rain! How about you? anything special?
Jenny Well, on Saturday, I an old school friend for lunch. And on Sunday, I my mother from the airport. She's in town for a few days.
Tom Gosh – you sound pretty busy!

7 Your Turn Ask your classmates about their weekend. Make notes.

Name	Activities

Last Weekend: Teaching Notes

Target Structure: Past Simple

Vocabulary: General

Level: Elementary

Time: 45 minutes +

Preparation: None

Suggested Teaching Method

This worksheet is a great way to build you students' confidence in using the Past Simple in conversation. There is a dialogue, with an irregular verb quiz, question/answer practice and a mixing activity at the end.

- ❶ This first exercise can be used to brainstorm some leisure activities. Elicit some ideas and write them on the board.
- ❷ Follow the instructions. Students should first read the conversation, and fill in the blanks with a word from below. After students have checked in pairs, go through the answers, and have students practice the conversation in pairs. Encourage the students to look up and make eye contact with each other when speaking.
- ❸ Have students work alone and check in pairs. Go through the answers with the group.
- ❹ Students can work alone or in small teams. The verbs are listed in (rather subjective) groups of difficulty. Set a time limit, and go through the answers with the class. A perfect score is 40.
- ❺ Students should write true answers to the questions about their activities. When finished, assign pairs. Students should swap sheets. One student can read the question and check his/her partner's answer. When finished, the students can switch roles.

As an additional activity, you can have students cover the questions, so that they can only see the answers. Elicit the questions based on the answers.
- ❻ Students should not refer to the original conversation. Go through the answers with the group.
- ❼ Demonstrate with a confident student.

To make the conversation flow more smoothly, have students write notes in the 'activities' column **after** they have finished each conversation.

The answer key is on the next page.

Answer key (Other answers may be possible.)

- 2
- 1) good
 - 2) park
 - 3) school
 - 4) busy
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- 1) It was pretty good.
 - 2) He had a picnic in the park.
 - 3) No, it didn't.
 - 4) She met an old school friend.
 - 5) She picked up her mother from the airport.

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| buy / bought | go / went | come / came | eat / ate | take / took |
| drive / drove | teach / taught | speak / spoke | choose / chose | write / wrote |
| fall / fell | hide / hid | feel / felt | wear / wore | bite / bit |

- 6 See the original conversation.

How are we doing?

Have you taught this lesson? We would be pleased to hear your feedback.

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