Describe past daily and free-time activities
Describe past vacations

1 SNAPSHOT

Free-time Activities

- check social media
- go dancing
- listen to music
- play video games
- read
- relax
- spend time with friends and family
- watch TV

Check (✓) the activities you do in your free time. List three other activities you do in your free time. What are your favorite free-time activities? Are there activities you don’t like? Which ones?

2 CONVERSATION What did you do last weekend?

A Listen and practice.

NEIL So, what did you do last weekend, Cara?
CARA Oh, I had a great time. My friends and I had pizza on Saturday and then we all went dancing.

NEIL How fun! Did you go to The Treadmill?
CARA No, we didn’t. We went to that new place downtown. How about you? Did you go anywhere?

NEIL No, I didn’t go anywhere all weekend. I just stayed home and studied for today’s Spanish test.
CARA Our test is today? I forgot about that!
NEIL Don’t worry. You always get an A.

B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What does Cara do on Sunday afternoons?
3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

**Simple past**

Did you **work** on Saturday?

- Yes, I **did**. I **worked** all day.
- No, I **didn’t**. I **didn’t work** at all.

Did you **go** anywhere last weekend?

- Yes, I **did**. I **went** to the movies.
- No, I **didn’t**. I **didn’t go** anywhere.

What **did Neil do** on Saturday?

- He **stayed** home and **studied** for a test.

How **did Cara spend** her weekend?

- She **went** to a club and **danced** with some friends.

**GRAMMAR PLUS** see page 138

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**PAIR WORK** Take turns asking the questions in part A. Give your own information when answering.

A: **Did you stay home on Sunday?**

  - B: No, I **didn’t**. I went dancing with some friends.

B: **What did you do** last night?

  - A: I **saw** a sci-fi movie at the Cineplex. I **loved** it! Amazing special effects!

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PRONUNCIATION Reduction of did you

A Listen and practice. Notice how did you is reduced in the following questions.

- **Did you** have a good time?  
  
  - **What did you** do last night?  
  
  - **How did you** like the movie?

B **PAIR WORK** Practice the questions in Exercise 3, part A again. Pay attention to the pronunciation of did you.
5 \textbf{WORD POWER} \hspace{2em} \textbf{Chores and activities}

\textbf{A} \textit{PAIR WORK} Find two other words or phrases from the list that usually go with each verb. Then add one more word or phrase to each verb.

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\hline
a lot of fun & dancing & a good time \hline
dancing & shopping & a bike ride \hline
the bed & chores & a good trip \hline
chores & the laundry & a video \hline
\end{tabular}

\begin{itemize}
\item do my homework
\item go online
\item have a party
\item make a phone call
\item take a day off
\end{itemize}

\textbf{B} \textit{GROUP WORK} Choose the things you did last weekend. Then compare with your partners.

\begin{itemize}
\item A: I went shopping with my friends. We had a good time. What about you?
\item B: I didn’t have a very good time. I did chores.
\item C: I did chores, too. But I went dancing in the evening, and . . .
\end{itemize}

6 \textbf{DISCUSSION} \hspace{2em} \textbf{Ask some questions!}

\textbf{GROUP WORK} Take turns. One student makes a statement about the weekend. Other students ask questions. Each student answers at least three questions.

\begin{itemize}
\item A: I went shopping on Saturday afternoon.
\item B: Where did you go?
\item A: To the Mayfair Center.
\item C: Who did you go with?
\item A: I went with my friends and my sister.
\item D: What time did you go?
\item A: We went around 3:00.
\end{itemize}

7 \textbf{LISTENING} \hspace{2em} \textbf{Did you have a good holiday?}

\begin{itemize}
\item A Listen to Andrew tell Elizabeth what he did yesterday. Check (✓) the things Andrew did.

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\item B Listen again. Look at the activities Andrew didn’t do. Why didn’t he do them? Write the reason.

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\item ◯ went to the gym
\item ◯ played soccer
\item ◯ saw a movie
\item ◯ watched TV
\item ◯ went to a baseball game
\item ◯ spent time with family
\end{itemize}
8 INTERCHANGE 7 Memories

Play a board game. Go to Interchange 7 on page 121.

9 CONVERSATION Lucky you!

A Listen and practice.

Leah: Hi, Cody. How was your vacation?
Cody: It was excellent! I went to California with my cousin. We had a great time.
Leah: Lucky you! How long were you there?
Cody: About a week.
Leah: Cool! Was the weather OK?
Cody: Not really. It was pretty cloudy. But we went surfing every day. The waves were amazing.
Leah: So, what was the best thing about the trip?
Cody: Well, something incredible happened. . . .

B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What happened?

10 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Past of be

Were you in California? Yes, I was.
Was the weather OK? No, it wasn’t.
Were you and your cousin on vacation? Yes, we were.
Were your parents there? No, they weren’t.
How long were you away? I was away for a week.
How was your vacation? It was excellent!

Contractions

wasn’t = was not
weren’t = were not

Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

1. A: _______ you in New York last weekend?
   B: No, I _______. I _______ in Chicago.
   A: How _______ it?
   B: It _______ great! But it _______ cold and windy as usual.

2. A: How long _______ your parents in Chile?
   B: They _______ there for two weeks.
   A: _______ they in Santiago the whole time?
   B: No, they _______. They also went to Valparaiso.

3. A: _______ you away last week?
   B: Yes, I _______ in Madrid.
   A: Really? How long _______ you there?
   B: For almost a week. I _______ there on business.
11 DISCUSSION  Past and future vacations
A GROUP WORK  Ask your classmates about their last vacations. 
Ask these questions or use your own ideas.
Where did you spend your last vacation?  What did you do?
How long was your vacation?  How was the weather?
Who were you with?  What would you like to do on your next vacation?

B CLASS ACTIVITY  Who had an interesting vacation?
Tell the class who and why.

12 WRITING  A blog post
A Read the blog post.

Greetings from sunny Puerto Vallarta, Mexico! I’m having a great time. Yesterday, I took a tour of the old town. The buildings and monuments were amazing! This morning, I went swimming and snorkeling. Then I went shopping at one of the town’s open markets. I bought a very beautiful handmade ceramic vase and tried the famous fish on a stick. Delicious! I’m having a really great vacation!
Casey

B PAIR WORK  Write a blog post to your partner about your last vacation. Then exchange posts. Do you have any questions about your partner’s vacation?

13 LISTENING  I was on vacation.
A Listen to Daniel and Amanda talk about their vacations. Did they have a good time? Check (✓) Yes or No.

Yes  No

Daniel

Amanda

B Listen again. Complete the chart with information about their vacations.

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A Look at the pictures. What do you think each person did on his or her vacation?

Awesome Vacations

1. Marco  Tianzi Mountains
   I came to this awesome place three days ago. These are the Tianzi Mountains, in Hunan Province, China. The mountains cover 67 square kilometers (or over 16,000 acres), and they are named for a famous farmer who lived in the area. I took a cable car up to the mountains. The ride was about six minutes long. The views are breathtaking! The mountains look almost like they are man-made. Sadly, my trip is almost over and I have to go home. But I want to come back soon!

2. Letitia  Desert Breath
   Guys, look at this! This is in the desert near Hurghada, Egypt. I was just there with my friend Carla. Desert Breath is a piece of land art made by three people in the nineties – an artist, an architect, and an engineer. It's made of sand, and it covers a large area of the Sahara Desert – 100,000 square meters (or about 25 acres). Every year, some of the art disappears. The wind moves the sand away. For now, it's so large that satellites in space take photos of it. How cool is that?

3. Kelly  Giant Salt Lake
   I flew from La Paz to Uyuni to see this spectacular place. It's called Salar de Uyuni, and it's in beautiful Bolivia. It was part of a giant salt lake in prehistoric times. I went there in a group with a guide. You have to walk a lot, so you need to be in pretty good shape. We walked for a whole day! Sometimes you feel like you're walking on clouds. When I saw the lake, it looked like a giant mirror. I'll never forget it!

B Read the online posts. Then write the number of the post where each sentence could go.

   — It was pretty tiring, but I enjoyed every minute of it.
   — The ride was scary because we were so high up.
   — I hope to meet the people who made it.

C PAIR WORK  Answer these questions.

1. Which person used an unusual form of transportation?
2. Who saw a piece of art?
3. Who had a very active vacation?
4. Which place do you think is the most interesting? Why?

We went dancing!