

Talking about the past



- 1 (1.16) Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box. Listen and check.

my grandparents to the park some new trainers
for a burger

Megan Hi Becky. What did you do last weekend?
Becky I went shopping on Saturday.
Megan Really? What did you buy?
Becky 1 _____.
Megan Cool. What did you do on Sunday?
Becky Nothing much. I did my homework in the morning and took the dog for a walk in the afternoon.
Megan Where did you go?
Becky 2 _____. What about you? Did you have a good weekend?
Megan It was OK. I watched television on Saturday afternoon. Then I went out with some friends.
Becky Where did you go?
Megan We went 3 _____.
Becky What did you do on Sunday?
Megan I played computer games in the morning and visited some relatives in the afternoon.
Becky Who did you visit?
Megan 4 _____.

- 2 Work in pairs. Practise reading the dialogue in exercise 1, using different phrases from the box to complete it.

1 a new T-shirt a CD some books
 2 to the beach to the town centre round the block
 3 to the cinema for a pizza to the park
 4 my cousin my uncle my grandma

- 3 (1.17) Listen to some teenagers talking about their weekends and answer the questions.

- What was the score in the ice hockey match?
a 4–3 b 5–4
- What did George do on Sunday?
a He went to the cinema. b He stayed in.
- Why did Linda sit in a car for most of Saturday?
a The beach was closed. b The weather was bad.
- What did Linda do on Sunday?
a Her sister had a birthday celebration.
b She did her homework and tidied her bedroom.
- Where did Chris go on Saturday?
a He went to his friend's house. b He went shopping.
- Why didn't he buy anything?
a The clothes were too expensive.
b He didn't see anything he liked.

- 4 Read the *Speaking tip* below. Underline the follow-up questions in the dialogue in exercise 1.

Speaking tip

When you ask someone about what they did or what happened, ask follow-up questions to find out more information and to keep the conversation going.

A What did you do on Saturday?

B I went shopping.

A Really? Where did you go?

- 5 Work in pairs. Student A: Choose an activity from the box and make a sentence using the past simple. Student B: Ask a follow-up question.

Free-time activities

chat with a friend on the phone/online
 go out with my friends
 go to a café/to the park/to the cinema
 go away for the weekend
 have relatives/friends to stay
 listen to the radio
 read a book/magazine
 visit some relatives

I went to the cinema last night.

What did you see?

- 6 Work in pairs. Prepare a dialogue about what you did last weekend following the chart.

A

Greet B. Ask what he / she did last weekend.

B

Say what you did on Saturday.

Ask a follow-up question.

Answer the question.

Ask what he / she did on Sunday.

Answer the question.

Ask a follow-up question.

Answer the question.
Ask what A did on Sunday.

Answer the question.

Ask a follow-up question.

Answer the question.

- 7 Act out your dialogue to the class.

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