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We went dancing!

- Describe past daily and free-time activities
- Describe past vacations

1 SNAPSHOT

Free-time Activities



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.

What **did** Neil **do** on Saturday?

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

Did you **go** anywhere last weekend?

Yes, I **did**. I **went** to the movies.

No, I **didn't**. I **didn't go** anywhere.

How **did** Cara **spend** her weekend?

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

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A Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

- A: _____ you _____ (stay) home on Sunday?
B: No, I _____ (call) my friend Anna. We _____ (drive) to a nice little restaurant for lunch.
- A: How _____ you _____ (spend) your last birthday?
B: I _____ (have) a party. Everyone _____ (enjoy) it, but the neighbors next door _____ (not, like) the noise.
- A: What _____ you _____ (do) last night?
B: I _____ (see) a sci-fi movie at the Cineplex. I _____ (love) it! Amazing special effects!
- A: _____ you _____ (do) anything special over the weekend?
B: Yes, I _____. I _____ (go) shopping. Unfortunately, I _____ (spend) all my money. Now I'm broke!
- A: _____ you _____ (go) out on Friday night?
B: No, I _____. I _____ (invite) friends over, and I _____ (cook) spaghetti for them.

B **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.

4 PRONUNCIATION Reduction of *did you*

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

[dɪdʒə]

Did you have a good time?

[wədɪdʒə]

What did you do last night?

[haʊdɪdʒə]

How did you like the movie?

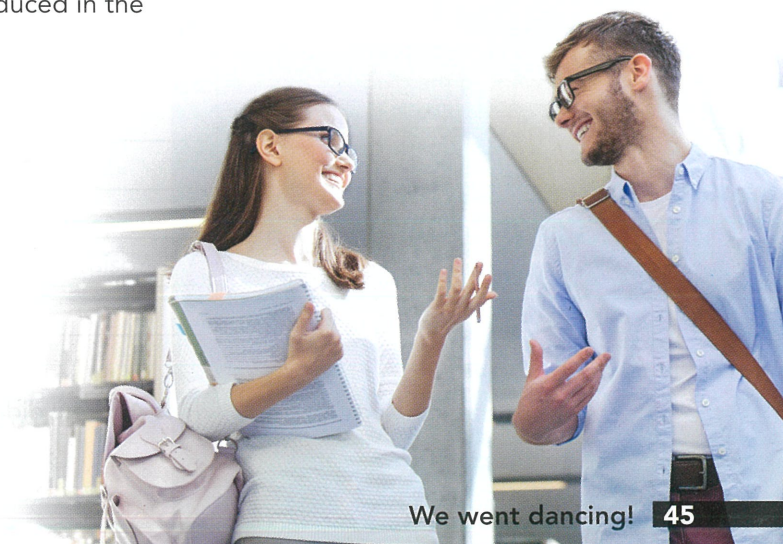
B **PAIR WORK** Practice the questions in Exercise 3, part A again. Pay attention to the pronunciation of **did you**.

regular verbs

work → worked
invite → invited
study → studied
stop → stopped

irregular verbs

buy → bought
do → did
drive → drove
have → had
go → went
sing → sang
see → saw
spend → spent



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5 WORD POWER Chores and activities

A 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.

a lot of fun	dancing	a good time	shopping	a bike ride
the bed	chores	the laundry	a trip	a video

do	my homework			
go	online			
have	a party			
make	a phone call			
take	a day off			

B GROUP WORK Choose the things you did last weekend. Then compare with your partners.

A: I went shopping with my friends. We had a good time. What about you?

B: I didn't have a very good time. I did chores.

C: I did chores, too. But I went dancing in the evening, and . . .

6 DISCUSSION Ask some questions!

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

A: I went shopping on Saturday afternoon.

B: Where did you go?

A: To the Mayfair Center.

C: Who did you go with?

A: I went with my friends and my sister.

D: What time did you go?

A: We went around 3:00.



7 LISTENING Did you have a good holiday?

A Listen to Andrew tell Elizabeth what he did yesterday. Check (✓) the things Andrew did.

Activities	Reasons
<input type="checkbox"/> went to the gym	
<input type="checkbox"/> played soccer	
<input type="checkbox"/> saw a movie	
<input type="checkbox"/> watched TV	
<input type="checkbox"/> went to a baseball game	
<input type="checkbox"/> spent time with family	

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

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**

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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?

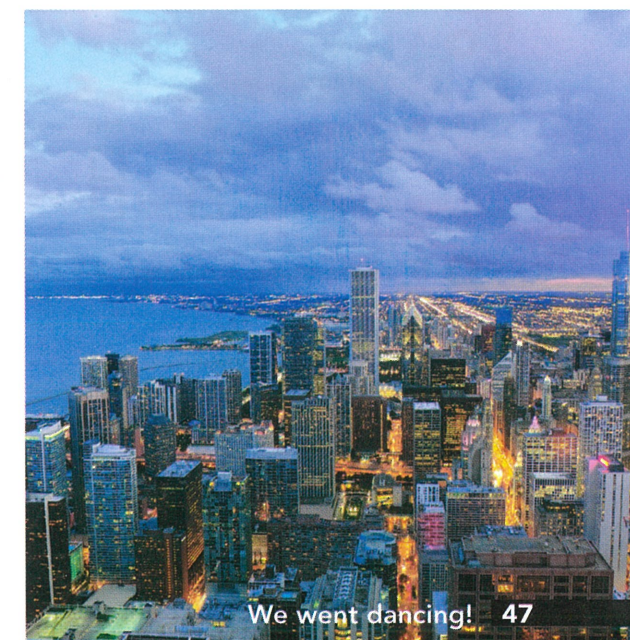
B: No, they _____. They also went to Valparaiso.

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.



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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.

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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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Daniel's vacation		Amanda's vacation	
Place		Place	
Who with		Who with	
Activities		Activities	

14 READING

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

Profile

Photos

Share

Friends

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 Hurgada, 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. I took so many pictures. 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.

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