

WHAT DID YOU DO LAST WEEKEND?

GRAMMAR

The Past Simple tense

- We use the Past Simple to talk about completed actions or situations that took place at a specific time in the past.

Example: I visited Berlin last week.

Example: Andrew watched TV yesterday.

- Sometimes the speaker may not mention the specific time, but they do have a specific time in mind.

Example: When I went to Japan I enjoyed it a lot.

Regular verbs

Affirmative

I
You
He
She
It
We
You
They

liked the movie

Negative

didn't like the concert.

Questions

I
you
he
it
we
you
they

Did she like the movie? Yes, she did.
No, she didn't

Spelling changes

- Regular verbs add -ed to the base form.

Example: watch- watched

- If the base form ends in "e", just add -d.

Example: like- liked

- If the base form ends in a consonant + "y", add -ied.

Example: study- studied

- If the base form ends in a vowel + "y", add -ed.

Example: play- played

- If the base form ends in a consonant after a stressed vowel at the end of the word, double consonant and add -ed.

Example: stop- stopped

Irregular verbs

Some verbs have an irregular form for the Past Simple. There is no rule for these verbs. You should learn them by heart.


Here are some examples.

Base Form	Past Simple	Base Form	Past Simple	Base Form	Past Simple
buy	→ bought	eat	→ ate	read	→ read
come	→ came	get	→ got	say	→ said
cut	→ cut	go	→ went	see	→ saw
do	→ did	have	→ had	take	→ took
drink	→ drank	make	→ made	think	→ thought
drive	→ drove	put	→ put	write	→ wrote

For more irregular verbs see page 44.

LISTENING

The regular Past Simple tense ending

a)  Listen and repeat.

1. /d/

listened = listen /d/

exercised = exercise /d/

2. /t/

liked = like /t/

washed = wash /t/

3. /ɪd/

wanted = want /ɪd/

needed = need /ɪd/

b) Complete the e-mail. Use the Past Simple tense and the past tense of "be".

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Hi, Lucille: Yesterday was a really nice day. I got up¹ early, brushed² brush my teeth, made³ breakfast, and cleaned⁴ my house all before 8.30. Then I worked⁵ until noon. After lunch, I listened⁶ to the weather report, and the weather was⁷ warm. I invited⁸ all my grandchildren here. They came⁹ here in the afternoon. We talked¹⁰ together for a while, and then the younger children took¹¹ a nap. The older ones went¹² to the park and played¹³ soccer. At the end of the day, I cooked¹⁴ dinner for all the children. They had¹⁵ the dinner because it was pasta. The kids ate¹⁶ everything and wanted¹⁷ more! Great day!

Brian

c) Complete the conversations with the Simple Past tense.

1. A: Where ^{1. your family / go} did your family went on Saturday?

B: ^{2. we / go} We went to the movies ^{3. we / see} we saw a good family movie.

A: Did ^{4. you / go} you went out to eat afterwards?

B: Yes, we ^{5. we / eat} ate Indonesian food. ^{6. it / have} had a lot of pepper.

A: But ^{7. I / think} I thought ^{8. your husband / not like} your husband didn't ^{9. he / like} like peppery food.

B: Actually, ^{9. he / eat} he ate a little and ^{10. he / say}he said it was good.

2. A: ^{1. who / take} who did take out the garbage this morning?

B: Actually, Laura ^{2. who / do} did.

A: And ^{3. Laura / do} who did do the laundry?

B: I'm not sure. But I think ^{4. you / do} Laura did the laundry this morning, too.

A: That's great, but ^{5. I / do} did you do any household chores?

B: Me? Last week ^{6. I / go} I did all the chores:

^{7. I / come} I went shopping, and ^{8. I / make} I came home

early, and ^{9. I / make} I made dinner every night.

LISTENING

Describe your past activities

d) ^{4.34} Read and listen

A: So what did you do yesterday?

B: Well, I got up at seven, I made breakfast, and then I went to work.

A: What about after work? Did you do anything special?

B: Not really. I just made dinner and watched a movie.




SPEAKING

With a partner, personalize the conversation.

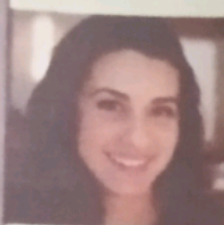
Describe your past activities. Then change roles.

LISTENING

e)  Read and listen to what people did last weekend.

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What did you do last weekend?




Gaby Pérez

My husband and I live in Guadalajara, in the Mexican state of Jalisco. We love the beach so last Friday we got up early and drove to Puerto Vallarta, about three and a half hours from home. The drive was nice, and we sang as we drove. On Friday night we had a great dinner at a wonderful fish restaurant. Then we got up early on Saturday, and because the weather was great, we went to the beach before breakfast! Sunday was pretty much the same. What a great weekend!

Comment

Location: México




Kwan-Jin Park

I'm an university student from Korea, but this month I'm visiting my aunt and uncle and my cousins in Baltimore, in the U.S state of Maryland. Last weekend, we went to New York. On Friday, we wanted to go to an American restaurant and then to an outdoor concert. But the weather was really bad- it rained, and it was so cold! We didn't go to the concert. We ate in the hotel, and we watched the concert on TV! But on Saturday and Sunday, the weather was beautiful, so we went to Central Park and saw a play outdoors. We ate right there in the park, and we had a great, great time. I loved New York.

Comment

Location: Korea




Paul Martin

Last weekend was actually pretty nice. I live in Montreal, in the Canadian province of Quebec. I invited my friends here, and we went for a walk in the Old City. We ate delicious food at a great restaurant. On Saturday, my girlfriend came here from Quebec City. We went dancing, and we stayed out so late. Here's a great picture. On Sunday, we went to the movies and to the mall. We bought new clothes. Montreal has some wonderful stores.

Comment

Location: Canada



f) Write one yes/ no question and one information question about Gaby, Kwan-Jin and Paul. Then answer a partner's question.

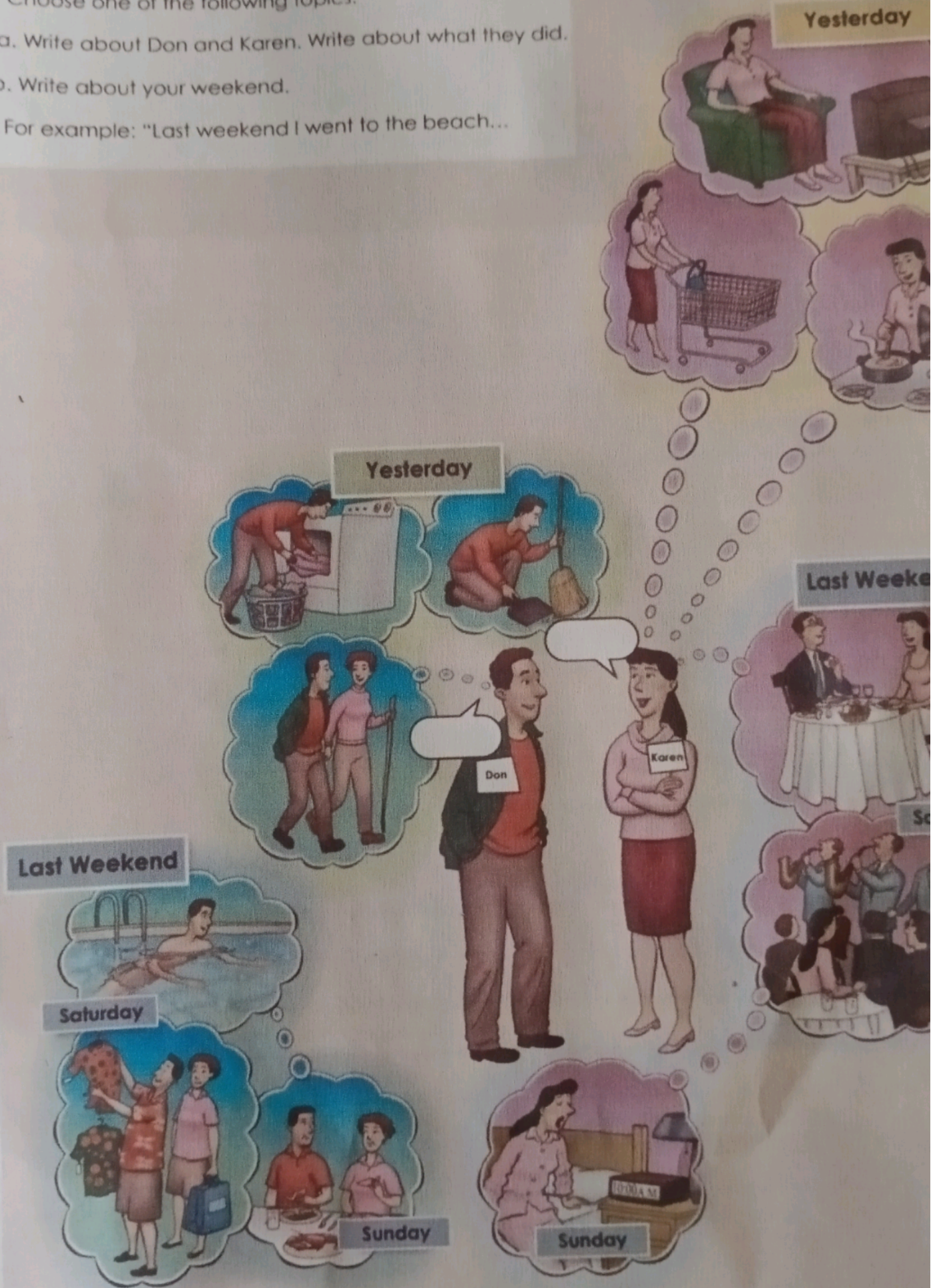
Yes / no questions	Short answers
Gaby Did you went to the beach last week?	yes, I did
Kwan - Jin Did you go to an american concert?	No, I didn't
Paul Did you and your girlfriend go to dance and stay out together?	yes, we did

WRITING

g) Choose one of the following topics:

- a. Write about Don and Karen. Write about what they did.
- b. Write about your weekend.

For example: "Last weekend I went to the beach..."



not perfect

Hi Karen how are you?

Hi Don, very good, and you?

Also very good, i What did you do yesterday?

Yesterday I went to the supermarket, and you?

Yesterday I did the laundry

Excellent