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A2 · SMALL TALK · ≈ 27 MIN

Talking About Weekends and Holidays — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now you lock the ritual in on paper. New sentences, same pattern: look back, look forward, answer short.

Looking back at the weekend: **past simple** · looking ahead to plans: **going to** + verb

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD — 1 · SORTING ○ — 2 · FILL-IN ○ — 3 · CORRECT ○ — 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT: LOOKING BACK OR LOOKING FORWARD? · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Read each time phrase. Does it look back at a weekend that has passed? Left column. Does it look forward to a weekend that is planned? Right column.

last Saturday · next Saturday · last weekend · next weekend · two weekends ago · the weekend after next · last summer · next summer · last August · next August

WEEKEND OVER – PAST SIMPLE	WEEKEND AHEAD – GOING TO

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE CORRECT FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Fill the gap with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Check the time signal: finished → past simple, planned → going to.

01 We _____ (drive) out to the coast last Saturday.

02 We _____ (visit) the Lisbon office next month.

03 I _____ (see) my old manager at a conference last week.

04 She _____ (take) two weeks off next September.

05 They _____ (not / do) much last weekend — just a quiet one at home.

06 He _____ (fly) to New York for a client meeting next Tuesday.

07 We _____ (have) a video call with the Lisbon team next Thursday.

08 I _____ (spend) all of last weekend catching up on emails, unfortunately.

YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING ○ | 2 · FILL-IN ○ | 3 · CORRECT ○ | 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN ●●○

Each sentence hides exactly one typical mistake. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 We make holiday in Spain every August.

02 I don't do much in the weekend, usually.

03 We go on holidays to Italy every summer.

04 We was at a conference last month.

05 He going to fly to Chicago next week.

06 I seen my old colleague at the airport last week.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN ●●●

Write one sentence for each prompt. Use the past simple for what happened and going to for plans.

01 Your last weekend: "I … last weekend." — use the past simple.

02 Your plans for next weekend: "I'm going to … next weekend."

03 Your last holiday: "Last year I … for my holiday."

04 Your next trip: "We're going to … this summer."

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I use the past simple to talk about last weekend or a holiday that already happened.
- ☐ I use going to + verb to talk about plans for next weekend or an upcoming holiday.
- ☐ I say "go on holiday" or "take a holiday" — never "make holiday".
- ☐ I say "at the weekend" (British) and stay consistent with one variety.

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **Past Simple** — last Saturday
A Saturday that has already happened.

02 **going to** — next Saturday
A planned Saturday still to come.

03 **Past Simple** — last weekend
The weekend is over.

04 **going to** — next weekend
The weekend is still ahead.

05 **Past Simple** — two weekends ago
"Ago" always points back.

06 **going to** — the weekend after next
A weekend that is still to come.

07 **Past Simple** — last summer
A finished summer.

08 **going to** — next summer
A planned summer.

09 **Past Simple** — last August
A finished month.

10 **going to** — next August
A planned month.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **drove**
"Last Saturday" is finished — past simple.

02 **are going to visit**
"Next month" is a plan — going to.

03 **saw**
"Last week" is finished — past simple.

04 **is going to take**
"Next September" lies ahead — going to.

05 **didn't do**
"Last weekend" is finished — negative past simple.

06 **is going to fly**
"Next Tuesday" is a plan — going to.

07 **are going to have**
"Next Thursday" is a plan — going to.

08 **spent**
"Last weekend" is over — past simple.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 We **go on holiday to** Spain every August.
"Urlaub machen" is never "make holiday" — say "go on holiday" or "take a holiday".

02 I don't do much **at** the weekend, usually.
"In the weekend" is wrong in every variety — British English says "at the weekend", American English "on the weekend" (both correct).

03 We **go on holiday** to Italy every summer.
"Holiday" is singular for one trip — "holidays" means longer free periods, like school breaks.

04 We **were** at a conference last month.
The past simple of "be" for a plural subject is "were", not "was".

05 He **is going to** fly to Chicago next week.
"going to" needs a form of "be" — "is" was missing.

06 I **saw** my old colleague at the airport last week.
The past simple of "see" is "saw", not "seen" (that is the participle).

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check you used the past simple for the past and going to for plans.

01 "I **went** hiking last weekend."
A weekend that has passed — past simple.

02 "I'm going to **visit** some friends next weekend."
A plan for next weekend — going to.

03 "Last year I **went** to Portugal for my holiday."
A finished holiday — past simple.

04 "We're going to **visit** my sister this summer."
A plan for the summer — going to.

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