



**Student's Book**  
**Level 1**

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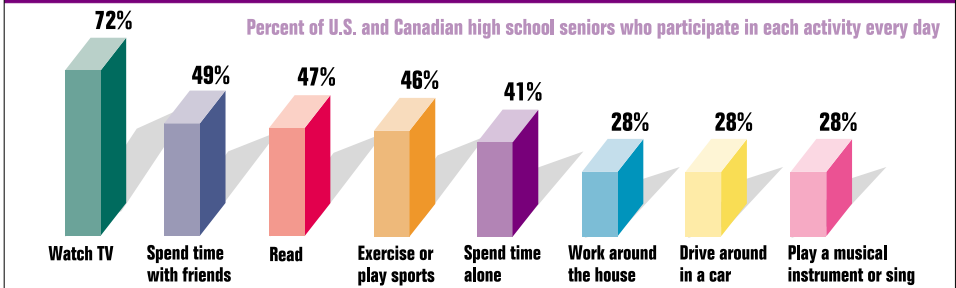
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# We had a great time!

## 1 SNAPSHOT

### IN THEIR FREE TIME



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**Complete these tasks and talk about them.**

*Which of these activities do you do every day?*

*List three other activities you like to do almost every day.*

*Put the activities you do in order: from the most interesting to the least interesting.*

## 2 CONVERSATION *The weekend*

**A** Listen and practice.

Chris: So, what did you do this weekend, Kate?

Kate: Oh, Diane and I went for a drive in the country on Saturday.

Chris: That sounds nice. Where did you go?

Kate: We drove to the lake and had a picnic. We had a great time! How about you? Did you do anything special?

Chris: Not really. I just worked on my car all day.

Kate: That old thing! Why don't you just buy a new one?

Chris: But then what would I do every weekend?

**B** Listen to Kate talk about her activities on Sunday.

1. What did she do?
2. Where did she go?



### 3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

#### Past tense

Did you **stay** home on Sunday? Yes, I **did**. I **watched** a football game on TV.  
No, I **didn't**. I **invited** friends out to dinner.

What **did** you **do** on Saturday? I **worked** on my car.  
I **stayed** home and **studied**.

Did you **do** anything special? Yes, I **did**. I **drove** to the lake.  
No, I **didn't**. I **had** to baby-sit.

Where **did** you **go** on Sunday? I **saw** a good movie.  
I **went** to a concert.

#### Regular verbs

invite → invited  
work → worked  
stay → stayed  
study → studied

#### Irregular verbs

drive → **drove**  
go → **went**  
have → **had**  
see → **saw**  
spend → **spent**

For a list of irregular past forms and pronunciation rules for regular past forms, see the appendix at the back of the book.


**A** Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

- A: ..... you ..... (go) out on Friday night?  
B: No, I ..... I ..... (invite) friends over,  
and I ..... (cook) dinner for them.
- A: How ..... you ..... (spend) your last birthday?  
B: I ..... (have) a party. Everyone ..... (enjoy) it,  
but the neighbors ..... (complain) about the noise.
- A: What ..... you ..... (do) last night?  
B: I ..... (go) to the new Tom Cruise film.  
I ..... (love) it!
- A: ..... you ..... (do) anything special over the weekend?  
B: Yes, I ..... I ..... (go) shopping. Unfortunately,  
I ..... (spend) all my money. Now I'm broke!



**B Pair work** Take turns asking the questions in part A.  
Give your own information when answering.

### 4 PRONUNCIATION *Reduced forms 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?

**B Pair work** Practice the questions in the grammar box in Exercise 3.  
Pay attention to the pronunciation of **did you**.

## 5 WORD POWER Collocation

**A** Find two other words or phrases from the list that are usually paired with each verb.

- an art exhibition      a vacation      a party      a trip      shopping  
 a lot of fun      the dishes      dancing      a play      the laundry

did	<i>housework</i>	.....	.....
went	<i>swimming</i>	.....	.....
had	<i>a good time</i>	.....	.....
saw	<i>a movie</i>	.....	.....
took	<i>a day off</i>	.....	.....

**B** Write five sentences using words from the list.

*I saw a movie last weekend.*

## 6 ANY QUESTIONS?

**Group work** Take turns. One student makes a statement about the weekend. Other students ask questions. Each student answers at least four questions.

- A: I went dancing on Saturday night.  
 B: **Where** did you go?  
 A: To the Rock-it Club.  
 C: **Who** did you go with?  
 A: I went with my brother.  
 D: **What time** did you go?  
 A: We went at around 10:00.  
 E: **How** did you like it?  
 A: . . .




## 7 LISTENING

**A** Listen to John and Laura describe what they did last night. Check (✓) the correct information about each person.

**B** Listen to the conversation again. What did each person do? Take notes. Then take turns telling their stories to a partner.

	John	Laura
had a boring time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
had a good time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
met someone interesting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
got home late	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 8 CONVERSATION *On vacation*

 Listen and practice.

Mike: Hi, Celia! How was your trip to the United States?

Celia: It was terrific. I really enjoyed it.

Mike: Great. How long were you away?

Celia: I was there for about three weeks.

Mike: That's a long time! Was the weather OK?

Celia: Yes, most of the time. But it snowed a lot in Chicago.

Mike: So, what was the best thing about your trip?

Celia: Oh, that's difficult to say. But I guess I liked Nashville the best.



## 9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

### Past tense of be

Were you away last week?

Yes, I **was**.

Was your brother away . . . ?

No, he **wasn't**.

Were you and your sister away . . . ?

Yes, we **were**.

Were your parents away . . . ?

No, they **weren't**.

How long **were** you away?

I **was** away for three weeks.

How **was** your vacation?

It **was** terrific!

### Contractions

was not = wasn't

were not = weren't

Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

1. A: How long . . . your parents in Europe?

B: They . . . there for a month.

A: . . . they in London the whole time?

B: No, they . . . They also went to Paris and Madrid.

2. A: . . . you away last weekend?

B: Yes, I . . . I . . . in San Francisco.

A: How . . . it?

B: It . . . great!

A: How . . . the weather?

B: Oh, it . . . foggy and cool as usual.

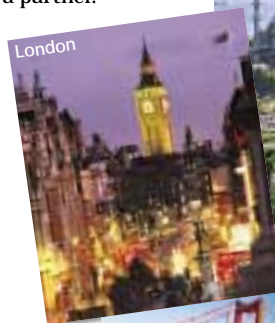
3. A: I . . . in Istanbul last summer.

B: Really? How long . . . you there?

A: For six weeks.

B: . . . you there on business or on vacation?

A: I . . . there on business.



## 10 VACATIONS

**A Group work** Take turns talking about vacations. Ask these questions and others of your own.

Where did you spend your last vacation?  
 How long were you away?  
 Were you with your family?  
 What did you do there?

How was the weather? the food?  
 Did you buy anything?  
 Do you want to go there again?


**B Class activity** Who in your group had the most interesting vacation? Tell the class who and why.

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### Vacation photos

Use the vacation photos to tell a story. Student A turns to page IC-9. Student B turns to page IC-10.

## 11 LISTENING

 Listen to Jason and Barbara talk about their vacations. Complete the chart.

	Vacation place	Enjoyed it?		Reason(s)
		Yes	No	
Jason	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
Barbara	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	.....

## 12 WRITING

**A** Read this postcard.

Dear Richard,  
 Greetings from Acapulco! I'm having a great time! Yesterday I went on a tour of the city, and today I went shopping. I bought some beautiful jewelry. Oh, and last night, I heard some Mariachi singers on the street. They were terrific. That's all for now.

Love,  
 Kathy



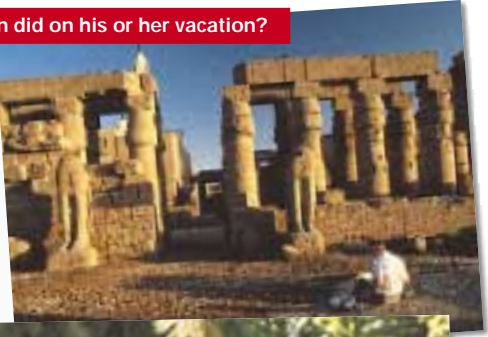
**B Pair work** Write a postcard to a partner about your last vacation or an interesting place you visited recently. Then exchange postcards.

# 13 READING Vacation postcards

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

Paula,  
I can't believe my trip is over. I arrived in Egypt just two weeks ago! I was with a group from the university. We went to the desert to dig in some old ruins. I didn't find anything, but I learned a lot. I'm tired, but I loved every minute of my trip.

Take care, Margaret



Hi, Luis!

My Hawaiian vacation just ended, and I am very relaxed! I spent my whole vacation at a spa in Koloa, Kauai. Every day for a week I exercised, did yoga, meditated, and ate vegetarian food. I also went swimming and snorkeling. I feel fantastic!

Love, Sue



Dear Michael,

Alaska is terrific! I was just on a trip in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. There were six people on the trip. We hiked for ten days. Then we took rafts to the Arctic Ocean. I saw a lot of wildlife. Now I'm going to Anchorage. See you in 3 weeks!

Kevin



**A** Read the postcards. Then check (✓) the statements that are true.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Margaret had a very relaxing vacation. | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Sue got a lot of exercise.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Margaret enjoyed her vacation.         | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Kevin spent his vacation alone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Sue was in Hawaii for two weeks.       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Kevin's vacation is over.       |

**B Group work** Talk about these questions. Explain your answers.

- Which person learned a lot on vacation?
- Who had a vacation that was full of adventure?
- Who had a very relaxing vacation?
- Which vacation sounds the most interesting to you?