

HOW WAS YOUR WEEKEND?

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Get to know someone a bit better
with Monday Questions

Phrases you can use to talk about
what you got up to

Questions you can ask every Friday

MONDAY QUESTIONS: ABOUT LAST WEEKEND

What did you get up to at the weekend? [= what did you do]

Did you get up to much at the weekend?

Get up to much at the weekend?

How did you spend your weekend?

Did you have a good weekend?

Had a good weekend?

Or simply:

How was your weekend?

ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE YOUR WEEKEND

It was...

wonderful, great, awesome, fantastic, exciting, beautiful,
romantic

unforgettable

busy, hectic

not so bad, pretty good, quite good, nice, good

boring, dull, nothing special, terrible, not so good, awful

YOU CAN ALSO SAY:

I/we had a..

fun / wonderful / fantastic / amazing / great
interesting / exciting / incredible **weekend**

I/we had a.. boring / dull/ depressing / terrible/
crap* / crappy* / **weekend**
*slang

To talk about an average weekend:

It was...

so-so / average / nothing special / alright

Other phrases include:

It went so fast!

It was the best!

I had an awful hangover after the party!

I can't believe it's Monday again!

The weather was amazing!

I can't believe it rained the whole time!

I had the best weekend in ages!

THINGS YOU DID AT HOME

I **had a night in** (= I stayed at home)

I **cleaned up** all day Saturday

I **tidied up** my bedroom

I **did** the housework / the ironing

I **did** my English homework

I **stayed in and** read a book

I **stayed in and did nothing**

I **slept in** (= I slept longer than I usually do)

I **lay in bed** all morning

I **spent** the whole weekend **studying**

I **did some gardening**

I **just chilled out** at home / I took it easy

I **had friends over** for dinner

I **just flicked through my iPhone** and **put on some songs**

I **stayed up all night**

I **just watched some films** on Netflix



GOING OUT

I had a great night out

I met up with friends

I caught up with friends (= you met up with them to find out the latest news, as you haven't seen them for a while)

I saw / caught a film

I bumped into / ran into an old school friend
(= it wasn't planned, it just happened while I was walking down the street or going shopping)

I got a bit tipsy

I got drunk / hammered/smashed/trashed|/wasted
(slang for you drank a lot and were very drunk)

I went out

I went out with a bunch of friends

I went away for the weekend (= I left my city and went to another place)

I went to a yoga class

I went to the opera / the cinema / the theatre / the pub.

I went to a get-together at the Swamp Bar

I went clubbing / shopping / bowling

I went bar hopping with friends (= to go from bar to bar, to go to quite a few bars in one evening)

I went on a date

I went on an excursion

I went on a picnic

GETTING FIT

I **went for** a jog / run

I **went for** a ride

I **worked out** at the gym

I **went cycling** / jogging

I **did** some aerobics / yoga

I **had** a dance lesson / class

I **did** some **interval training** at the park

I **did** some **exercises** - planking, push-ups, sit-ups.

I **played** beach volleyball



OTHER WEEKEND PARTNERSHIPS

“What are you doing for the **long weekend**?” – when the Friday and/or Monday is a public holiday, we call it a long weekend.

You might also call it a **3-day weekend** or even a 4-day weekend.

Depending on the country you're in, some weekends involve a public holiday or special occasion. For example:

Easter Weekend

Australia Day weekend

Grand Final weekend (in the AFL the last Saturday in September is a very special weekend).

Labor Day Weekend (USA)

Memorial Day Weekend (USA)

Thanksgiving Weekend (USA)

The holiday weekend

Some newspapers feature a **weekend puzzle** or have special **weekend comics**.

A **weekend warrior** is someone who parties hard at the weekend.

WHAT TO ASK ON FRIDAY?

To ask about someone's plans, you can use these questions:

What are you up to this weekend?

Are you getting up to much this weekend?

What are you getting up to this weekend?

What are your plans for this weekend?

Have you got any plans for the weekend?

Or simply:

What are you doing this weekend?

HOW TO ANSWER

Quite often we give a short answer. If you **already** have plans, then we often use the continuous form:

I'm catching up with a friend tomorrow

I'm visiting my family in Sydney on Saturday

If you're not sure what you're going to do, you can speculate using the **'ll** form of WILL:

Perhaps I'll go out tonight

I'll probably take it easy