

A Look at the picture and listen to the conversation between two people.

Kaoru: Good morning!

Jason: Oh hi. How was your weekend?

Kaoru: Not too bad.

Jason: Did you get up too much?

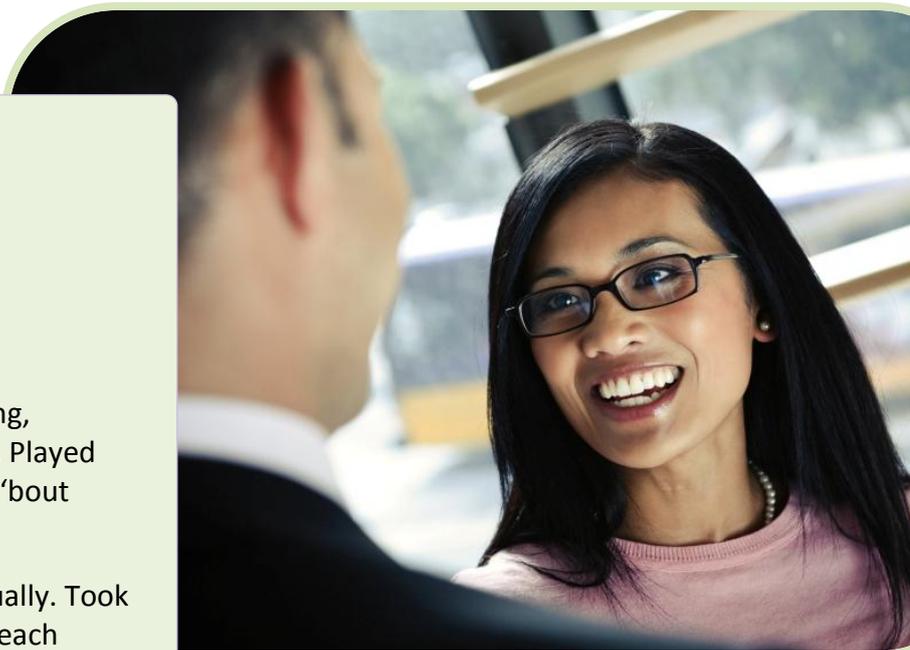
Kaoru: Nah, not really. Bit of shopping, cleaned up 'round the house. Played with the kids 'n all that. How 'bout yourself?

Jason: Yeah, it was pretty good, actually. Took the family down to Eastern Beach yesterday.

Kaoru: Oh, really?

Jason: Yeah, had some lunch down there, played frisbee 'n kicked a footy 'round with the kids.

Kaoru: Oh, that sounds great... I should 'a done something like that too...



B Underline the words/parts in the script that have the same meaning as the following:

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| 1. how was your | 7. about |
| 2. did you | 8. yourself |
| 3. to | 9. yes |
| 4. no | 10. it |
| 5. around | 11. have |
| 6. and | |



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1. Work with a partner* and practice the conversation between Kaoru and Jason.
 2. Remember some weekend activities of your own and write them down below:
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3. Try the conversation again with your partner*, this time using your own weekend activities.

**Group of 3? Make it a conversation for 3!*

D Communication Skills

1. At the start of a conversation, listen for a key word to help you with the **topic** (“weekend”)
2. Make a **time connection** -> (**Last** weekend? **Next** weekend? **Every** weekend?)
3. Focus on the information parts of fast speech: **Howazya...? Didja...? Wherdja? Whoja?** etc.
4. Remember that “you” often sounds like a quick “ya”
5. Remember that “yeah” is often used for “yes” and “nah” is sometimes used for “no”
6. Remember that “**get up to** (ta)” means “do” (casual activities)
7. Remember that words like “around” and “about” often lose their “a” sound (“round/’bout)
8. Remember that “it” can sound like ‘i while “and” can sound like ‘n
9. Use “how ‘bout yaself?” to get the other person to answer the same question or idea
10. Use “‘n all that” to show there’s nothing more (interesting) to say about something
11. Use “oh, really?” to show interest in what somebody is saying.

E Weekend activities – building a response

Howazya weekend? Didja get up ta much?

Yeah, it was pretty good, actually. | Yeah, it was fairly busy. | Nah, not really. | Not a lot.

bit of shopping	bit of cooking	bit of gardening
cleaned up ‘round the house	relaxed / took it easy	got a lot of sleep
played with the kids	watched a bit of telly (TV)	met up with...
took the family to...	went out with the family to...	went for a wander...
had some lunch	had some dinner	had a picnic

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Sounds: good took should | not shopping | done some
 how down around about house sound

Words: lunch like beach cleaned played kicked house
 morning really pretty | around about yourself

Sentences: Did you get up to much? I played with the kids.
 I cleaned up around the house. It was pretty good, actually.
 We played frisbee and kicked a footy around with the kids.