

EF1 UNIT 6

Last Weekend

Preparation: none

Procedure: Students work in groups of three or four. They talk about things they did the previous weekend or summer or vacation – any time in the past is OK. They can use a given verb only one time (So if one student says, I went shopping. “went” is already used so a partner can not say I went to a movie. They could say I saw a movie.)

To do as a game, use counters such as poker chips or paper clips to keep track of points. Or have them write the verbs they use.

Variation: Allow verbs to be used more than once but give points only for new verbs.

Past tense drill

Preparation: Make a set of about 20 cards that have present tense verbs on one side and the past form on the other. You need one set for every 3 or 4 students.

Procedure: The students work in groups of 3 or 4. The cards are placed in the center with the present tense form of the verb up. The first student takes a card, gives the past form, checks by looking at the back of the card, and then makes a true past tense sentence using that verb. The other students should each ask at least one question about the first student’s sentence. The students take turns taking cards, making sentences, and asking questions.

Variation: Play tic tac toe with the cards in pairs. Each player takes 9 cards and arranges them 3 x 3, with the present tense face up. Players take turns. Player one chooses a card, says the past tense form, checks self, and makes a sentence in the past tense. If he gives the correct past tense form of the verb and makes a correct sentence, he turns over the card with the past tense form up. Then the other player takes a turn. The first player to turn over 3 cards in a row, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, is the winner.

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