

# Making Weekend Plans

*In this lesson, you will practice making plans and stating preferences. You'll talk about different recreational activities that people do, such as going to a show or watching a sporting event.*

## Pre-Reading

### A. Warm-Up Questions

1. What do you like to do on the weekends?
2. What sports do you like to watch or play?
3. Do you have any plans for this weekend?



### B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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| _____ 1. plans           | a) a team sport where players move a puck around the ice with a stick     |
| _____ 2. weekend         | b) prefer, like better  |
| _____ 3. to have in mind | c) a place where you can drink alcohol and socialize                      |
| _____ 4. hockey          | d) to go and get someone or something                                     |
| _____ 5. rather          | e) an individual outdoor sport where players hit a small ball into a hole |
| _____ 6. theater         | f) a place where you watch shows, plays, or movies                        |
| _____ 7. pick up         | g) a live music show  |
| _____ 8. arrange         | h) to make plans  |
| _____ 9. golf            | i) to be thinking about something in particular, to have an idea          |
| _____ 10. concert        | j) Saturday and Sunday  |
| _____ 11. bar            | k) prearranged future activities or events                                |

## Dialogue Reading

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. Circle any new words or phrases that you need to practice.

Bill: Hi, Amy. It's Bill.

Amy: Hi, Bill. **How are you doing?**

Bill: **Not bad. I'm calling to talk about the weekend.** Have you got any plans yet?

Amy: No, not yet. **What did you have in mind?**

Bill: **How about going to a hockey game on Saturday night?**

Amy: **I don't really feel like a hockey game.** I did that last weekend.

Bill: **Well, then, what about going out for dinner?**

Amy: **I'd rather go to a movie.**

Bill: Okay. **That sounds good. Do you want me to pick you up?**

Amy: No. **That's okay. I can meet you at the theater.**

Bill: Okay. **Let's talk on Saturday morning and arrange the time.**

Amy: Great. I'll talk to you then. Bye.

Bill: Bye.

## Practice

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue on page 2, substituting the different expressions below. Then switch roles.

1. **How are you doing?**

- How are you?
- How's it going?

2. **Not bad.**

- Pretty good.
- So so.

3. **I'm calling to talk about the weekend.**

- I wanted to find out about the weekend.
- I called to see about the weekend.

4. **What did you have in mind?**

- What were you thinking of?
- Did you have any ideas?

5. **How about going to a hockey game on Saturday night?**

- What do you think about playing golf on Sunday?
- Maybe we could play tennis this Saturday?
- Would you like to go to a baseball game?
- Do you want to go to a bar and listen to some music?

6. **I don't really feel like a hockey game.**

- I'm not really in the mood for a hockey game.
- I don't really want to go to a hockey game.

7. **Well, then, what about going out for dinner?**

- Well, how about going to a concert?

8. **I'd rather go to a movie.**

- I'd prefer going to a movie.
- I'd like to go to a movie.

9. **That sounds good.**

- That sounds fine.
- That sounds great.

10. **Do you want me to pick you up?**

- Should I pick you up?
- Should I come and get you?

11. **That's okay. I can meet you at the theater.**

- That's all right. I'll meet you at the theater.
- That's okay. I'll meet you at the bar.
- I'll meet you at the arena.
- I'll see you at the golf course.
- No, thanks. I'll meet you at the tennis court.
- It's okay. I'll meet you at the concert hall.
- How about I meet you at the stadium?

12. **Let's talk on Saturday morning and arrange a time.**

- I'll call you on Saturday morning, and we can decide what time to meet.
- I'll call on Saturday morning to make definite plans.

## Listening Practice

Listen to the recording of the dialogue from page 2. Fill in the missing words as you listen. Listen again. Now look back at page 2 and check your work. Did you fill in the correct words? Did you spell everything correctly?

Bill: Hi, Amy. It's Bill.

Amy: Hi, Bill. How are you \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Bill: Not bad. I'm calling to talk about the \_\_\_\_\_. Have you got any plans yet?

Amy: No, not yet. What did you have \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Bill: How about going to a \_\_\_\_\_ game on Saturday night?

Amy: I don't really feel like a \_\_\_\_\_ game. I did that last weekend.

Bill: Well, then, what about \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner?

Amy: I'd \_\_\_\_\_ go to a movie.

Bill: Okay. That sounds good. Do you want me to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Amy: No. That's okay. I can meet you at the theater.

Bill: Okay. Let's talk on Saturday morning and \_\_\_\_\_ the time.

Amy: Great. \_\_\_\_\_ talk to you then. Bye.

Bill: Bye.

## Vocabulary Review

Match the activities on the left with the correct locations on the right.

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|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| _____ 1. | play golf             | a) at the bar        |
| _____ 2. | play tennis           | b) at the arena      |
| _____ 3. | see a movie           | c) at the course     |
| _____ 4. | watch a hockey game   | d) at the restaurant |
| _____ 5. | watch a baseball game | e) at the court      |
| _____ 6. | listen to music       | f) at the theater    |
| _____ 7. | eat dinner            | g) at the stadium    |

## What Would You Rather Do?

Work with a partner and take turns asking each other questions about preferences.

### Example:

A: Would you prefer going to a hockey game or playing golf?

B: I'd prefer playing golf.

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A: I'd rather go to a hockey game.

### Options:

- go to a hockey game or play golf
- going to a restaurant or ordering takeout
- listen to music or go to a concert
- watching a baseball game or playing baseball
- go to a theater or watch a movie at home
- playing tennis or going dancing

Write a dialogue with a partner using phrases from page 3.  
You will be friends deciding what to do this weekend.  
Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

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## Review

### Task 1

#### LISTEN & ANSWER

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.  
Your teacher will tell you if you have to write or say the answers.

1. What is the main reason for the call?

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2. What suggestions does Bill make for the weekend?

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3. Why does Amy NOT want to go to the sporting event?

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4. What do the friends decide to do this weekend?

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5. Why will they call each other again on Saturday morning?

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## Review cont.

### Task 2

#### BRAINSTORM

Imagine that you and a friend are trying to think of things to do this weekend. Complete the chart.

#	Activity	Suggestion	Possible Response (negative or positive)
Ex	go to a movie	<i>We could go to a movie.</i>	<i>I saw a movie last week.</i>
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### Task 3

#### ROLE-PLAY

Find a partner. Imagine that you are making plans over the phone for a special event, such as a birthday, first date, or anniversary. Create a role-play using some of the suggestions and responses from your charts. Your audience will have to be able to answer the following questions:

1. What is the main reason for the call?
2. What activities do they consider?
3. What do they decide to do together?
4. What specific arrangements do they make for meeting?