



UNIT 4B · GENERAL A1

Do you work on Saturdays?

Class Book and Workbook · one complete unit

By the end you will...

- Talk about weekly life and days of the week
- Make present simple questions with do (I/you/we/they)
- Make present simple negatives with don't
- Give short answers: Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
- Ask a friend about their week and their free time

Warm-up · My week

Think about your week. Answer with short sentences.

- Which days do you work or study?
- Which day is your favourite? Why?
- Do you do sport during the week?

1. Lead-in · Your week

Ask and answer about your week. Answer in full sentences.

- What days do you work or study?
Answer key: Example: I work from Monday to Friday.
- What do you always do on Saturdays?
Answer key: Example: I always go shopping on Saturday morning.
- What do you never do on Sundays?
Answer key: Example: I never check my work email on Sunday.
- Which day is your favourite day? Why?
Answer key: Example: Friday, because I finish work early.
- How often do you see your family? Every day? Once a week?
Answer key: Example: I see my parents once a week.

Tell the class one thing about your partner's week.

2. Reading · Weekend jobs

Do you work on Saturdays? For many people, the answer is yes. Anna works in a shop from Monday to Saturday. 'I don't work on Sundays,' she says. 'Sunday is my day off.'

Ben is a doctor. He works at the hospital, but he doesn't work every weekend. 'I work on Saturdays two times a month,' he says. 'On other Saturdays, I play football with my friends.'

Carla doesn't work on weekends at all. She works in an office from Monday to Friday. 'I love my weekends,' she says. 'I visit my parents and I go to the cinema.'

Comprehension

Who works on Saturdays every week?

What does Ben do on some Saturdays?

Who doesn't work at the weekend?

2b. Words in the text

Match the word with the meaning.

- a day off
a day when you don't work
- an office
a place where people do desk work
- a shop
a place where people buy things
- the weekend
Saturday and Sunday

2c. Talk about the texts

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Is your work week more like Anna's, Ben's or Carla's?
Answer key: Model: My week is like Carla's week. I don't work at the weekend.
- Do you have a day off during the week?
Answer key: Model: No, I don't. I only have days off at the weekend.

The Four-Day Working Week

Source: Apex English · graded news-style report · Original text written for Apex English (A1 graded reader)

A short report about companies that don't work five days a week.

Do you work five days a week? Some companies now have a four-day week. Workers work Monday to Thursday, and they don't work on Fridays.

A company in Iceland tried this plan. Workers worked fewer hours, but they earned the same money. 'I don't work on Fridays now,' says Elin, an office worker. 'I have more time for my family.'

Managers say happy workers do better work. But not every job can change. Nurses and bus drivers, for example, often work at the weekend too. For them, a four-day week is more difficult.

1. READ FOR GIST

- What is the text about?
Answer key: Companies that give workers a four-day working week.
- How did Elin's life change?
Answer key: She has more time for her family because she doesn't work on Fridays.

2. READ FOR DETAIL

- Which country tried the four-day week in the text?
Answer key: Iceland.
- Did workers earn less money?
Answer key: No, they earned the same money for fewer hours.
- Which jobs are more difficult to change?
Answer key: Jobs like nurses and bus drivers, who often work at weekends.

3. GLOSSARY

a plan

an idea for how to do something

earn money

get money for your work

a manager

a person who leads a team at work

4. DISCUSS IN PAIRS

- Would you like a four-day working week? Why or why not?
- Do you know anyone who doesn't work on Fridays?

3. Vocabulary · Days & the working week

SET A

Monday to Friday

the usual work days

the weekend

Saturday and Sunday

a day off

a day without work

work full time / part time

work every day / not every day

free time

time when you don't work

a shift

a fixed period of time at work

SET B

Do you work on Saturdays?

ask about someone's weekly job

No, I don't. I have the weekend off.

answer with a negative and a reason

What do you do in your free time?

ask about hobbies

I never work on Sundays.

talk about a strict habit

Practice

Complete with ONE word.

- Do you work on Mondays? — Yes, I do.
- She doesn't work at the weekend.
- We don't have a day off on Wednesday.
- Do they study on Saturdays? — No, they don't.
- I have free time on Sunday afternoon.

3b. Work or free time?

Match the activity with the usual category.

- answer emails
work
- play football with friends
free time
- attend a meeting
work
- watch a film
free time
- visit family
free time

4. Grammar · Present simple questions & negatives

Yes/No questions

Do + I/you/we/they + base verb: Do you work on Saturdays?

Short answers

Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

Negative form

I/you/we/they + don't + base verb: I don't work on Sundays.

Wh- questions

What time do you start work? Where do you work?

don't = do not

'don't' is the short form of 'do not' in speaking and writing.

Word order in questions

Do + subject + verb + rest of sentence: Do they play football on Fridays?

Frequency in answers

always, usually, sometimes, never — put before the main verb: I never work at the weekend.

4a. Make the question

Write the question with Do/Don't.

- you / work / on Saturdays?
Answer key: Do you work on Saturdays?
- they / study / in the evening?
Answer key: Do they study in the evening?
- we / start / at nine?
Answer key: Do we start at nine?
- you / have / a day off on Friday?
Answer key: Do you have a day off on Friday?

4b. Positive or negative?

Complete with don't or the base verb.

- I ___ work on Sundays. (negative)
Answer key: don't

- We ___ play football on Saturdays. (positive: play)
Answer key: play
- They ___ study on Fridays. (negative)
Answer key: don't
- You ___ have a meeting today. (positive: have)
Answer key: have

4c. Answer the question

Write a short answer, then a full sentence.

- Do you work on Saturdays? (No)
Answer key: No, I don't. I don't work on Saturdays.
- Do they study at the weekend? (Yes)
Answer key: Yes, they do. They study at the weekend.
- Do you have free time on Sunday? (Yes)
Answer key: Yes, I do. I have free time on Sunday.

Look at the picture and use the grammar you just studied

Look at the picture. Write 4–5 sentences about the weekly planner. Use present simple questions and negatives.

5. Listening · Interview about work

A radio host, Peter, interviews Grace about her weekly routine. Listen for days and activities.

Two voices — no narrator introduction.

Before you listen

- What questions do you ask about someone's job?
- Do most people work five days a week?

First listen — gist

- Who is talking?
Answer key: Peter, a radio host, and Grace, a guest.
- What is the interview about?
Answer key: Grace's weekly work routine.

Second listen — detail

- Does Grace work on Mondays?
Answer key: Yes, she does. She works Monday to Friday.
- Does Grace work on Saturdays?
Answer key: No, she doesn't. Saturday is her day off.
- What does Grace do on Sundays?
Answer key: She visits her parents.
- What time does Grace start work?
Answer key: She starts work at half past eight.

5b. Useful language

Match the phrase with the use.

- Do you work every day?
ask about a general habit
- No, I don't. Only Monday to Friday.
answer negatively and give more information
- What about the weekend?
ask a follow-up question
- That's a good routine!
give a positive comment

6. Speaking · Ask about the week

Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions with Do you... about your week.

- Work days
A: Ask your partner if they work on Mondays and Fridays.
B: Answer with short answers and one detail.
- Free time
A: Ask what your partner does at the weekend.
B: Answer and ask a follow-up question.

6b. Talk together

Ask and answer in pairs.

- Do you work or study on Saturdays?
- Do you have a day off during the week?
- What do you do on Sundays?
- Do you like your weekly routine?

6c. Mini presentation · My week

Tell the class about your week in 4–5 sentences.

- Which days you work or study
- Which day is your day off
- What you do at the weekend
- One thing you never do during the week
- One question for the class

7. Writing · My weekly routine

Write 40–50 words about your weekly routine. Use present simple questions (in your head), negatives with don't, and at least three days of the week.

WORKBOOK · HOME PRACTICE

Unit 4B Workbook

Do this after class. Answers are marked for your teacher.

1. Vocabulary gap-fill

Complete each sentence with ONE word from the box.

- I don't work on the weekend. It's Saturday and Sunday.
- Wednesday is my day off — I don't work.
- He works full time, five days a week.
- In my free time, I play football and read.
- The nurse works a night shift.
- She works part time, only three days a week.

2. Do or Don't?

Complete with Do or Don't.

- ___ you work on Saturdays?
Answer key: Do
- I ___ work at the weekend.
Answer key: don't
- ___ they study in the evening?
Answer key: Do
- We ___ have a meeting on Fridays.
Answer key: don't
- ___ you have a day off this week?
Answer key: Do
- They ___ work on Sundays.
Answer key: don't
- ___ we start at nine tomorrow?
Answer key: Do

3. Correct or incorrect?

Choose the correct sentence.

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4. Find and fix the mistake

Each sentence has ONE mistake. Write it correctly.

- You work on Saturdays do?
Answer key: Do you work on Saturdays?
- I not work on Sundays.
Answer key: I don't work on Sundays.
- Do they has a day off?
Answer key: Do they have a day off?
- No, I doesn't.
Answer key: No, I don't.

- Do you work part time?
Answer key: Do you work part time?

- We don't have free time.
Answer key: We don't have free time.

5. Listening · Weekly routines

Three people talk about their working week. Listen for days and details.

- Speaker 1: does she work on Saturdays?
Answer key: No, she doesn't. She only works Monday to Friday.
- Speaker 2: what does he do on his day off?
Answer key: He plays sport and visits friends.
- Speaker 3: does she like her part-time job?
Answer key: Yes, she does, because she has more free time.

6. Writing · My working week

Write 40–50 words about your working week. Say which days you work, if you have a day off, and what you do at the weekend. Use Do/Don't questions and negatives.

7. Reflection

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Do you find questions with 'Do' easy or difficult? Give an example.
Answer key: Model: They are a bit difficult. I sometimes forget the word 'Do' at the start.
- Write two things you don't do during the week.
Answer key: Model: I don't work on Sundays. I don't study in the morning.