

Weekend Plans with Friends

COMPREHENSION • VOCABULARY • DISCUSSION

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Reading Passage

Read the passage carefully. Each paragraph is labelled with a letter for easy reference.

A It is Thursday evening, and three friends—Maria, Alex, and Chen—are chatting in a group message. They want to make simple but fun plans for the coming weekend. Maria’s idea is to visit the new city park on Saturday morning. The local newspaper says the park has a small lake, a walking path, and free fitness machines. “We can meet at nine o’clock,” she writes, “walk around the lake, and do some light exercise. After that, we can buy fruit juice from the park café.” Alex prefers something indoors because the weather report says it might rain. He suggests watching a midday movie at the cinema near the bus station. “The comedy starts at eleven-thirty,” he adds. “Tickets cost only five euros before noon.” Chen likes the movie idea too, but he reminds the group that Saturday is often busy. “Let’s book our seats online tonight,” he says, “so we do not stand in a long line.” On Sunday, the friends plan a simple picnic in Maria’s garden. Each person will bring one dish. Maria will bake cheese sandwiches, Alex will make a large bowl of fruit salad, and Chen will bring cold green tea for everyone to drink. They also want to play board games after eating. Chen owns a new word game that takes only thirty minutes, so they can finish before the late-afternoon rain usually starts in their town. Before ending the chat, Maria creates a short to-do list: 1. Buy online movie tickets tonight. 2. Check the weather again Friday evening. 3. Meet at the park gate at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. 4. Bring food and board game to the picnic on Sunday at noon. With clear plans and shared tasks, the friends feel excited for a relaxed and friendly weekend.

Vocabulary Glossary

Key words and phrases from the passage. Study them before attempting the exercise below.

WORD / PHRASE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
chatting	talking in a friendly way, often online or in person	<i>They were chatting about their weekend plans.</i>
fitness machines	equipment used to exercise and keep healthy	<i>The gym has many fitness machines for people to use.</i>
comedy	a type of movie or show that makes people laugh	<i>They watched a comedy and laughed a lot.</i>
book	to reserve a place or ticket in advance	<i>We need to book a table at the restaurant.</i>
picnic	a meal eaten outside, usually in a park or garden	<i>They had a picnic in the park and enjoyed the sunny day.</i>
board games	games played on a board with pieces or cards	<i>They played board games on a rainy afternoon.</i>
to-do list	a list of tasks that need to be done	<i>She made a to-do list before going shopping.</i>
relaxed	feeling calm and comfortable	<i>He felt relaxed after the weekend break.</i>

Vocabulary Exercise — Fill in the Blank

Use one word or phrase from the glossary above to complete each sentence. Each item is used only once. Answers are on the final page.

1. The friends were _____ in a group message about their weekend plans.
2. The park has free _____ for everyone to use.
3. They decided to watch a _____ because they wanted to laugh.
4. We should _____ our movie tickets online to avoid waiting in line.
5. On Sunday, they planned a _____ in Maria's garden.
6. After lunch, they played some fun _____ together.

Comprehension Questions

These questions are different from the online practice test. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D). Answers and explanations are on the final page.

Question 1

Why does Alex prefer an indoor activity on Saturday?

- A. He dislikes the park.
- B. He thinks it might rain.
- C. He wants to exercise.
- D. He prefers watching movies.

Question 2

What time does the comedy movie start at the cinema?

- A. 9:00 a.m.
- B. 11:00 a.m.
- C. 11:30 a.m.
- D. 12:00 p.m.

Question 3

What does Chen remind the group to do about the movie?

- A. Buy snacks.
- B. Check the time.
- C. Book seats online.
- D. Choose a different movie.

Question 4

What is one activity the friends plan to do after the picnic meal?

- A. Go for a walk.
- B. Play board games.
- C. Watch a movie.
- D. Visit the park.

Question 5

Why do the friends feel excited at the end of the chat?

- A. They have a clear plan for the weekend.
- B. They are going to a concert.
- C. They will meet new people.
- D. They will travel to another city.

Discussion & Writing Prompts

Each prompt references a specific detail from the passage above. Use for classroom discussion or a short written response (150–200 words).

1. Paragraph 2 mentions a new city park with a small lake. Do you think parks like this are important in cities? Why or why not?

2. Alex suggests booking movie tickets online to avoid long lines. Do you prefer buying tickets online or at the cinema, and why?

3. The friends plan to play a new word game after their picnic. What are some benefits of playing word games with friends?

Answer Key

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Q1 B

Q2 C

Q3 C

Q4 B

Q5 A

VOCABULARY EXERCISE

FIB1 chatting

FIB2 fitness machines

FIB3 comedy

FIB4 book

FIB5 picnic

FIB6 board games

Comprehension Question Explanations

Why the correct answer is right — and why each wrong option is incorrect.

1. Why does Alex prefer an indoor activity on Saturday?

✓ B — He thinks it might rain. Alex prefers indoors because the weather report says it might rain.

✗ A — He dislikes the park. The text does not say Alex dislikes the park.

✗ C — He wants to exercise. Alex does not mention wanting to exercise.

✗ D — He prefers watching movies. While Alex suggests a movie, the main reason is the weather.

2. What time does the comedy movie start at the cinema?

✓ C — 11:30 a.m. The comedy movie starts at eleven-thirty.

✗ A — 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. is the time to meet at the park.

✗ B — 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. is not mentioned.

✗ D — 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. is not the correct time.

3. What does Chen remind the group to do about the movie?

✓ C — Book seats online. Chen suggests booking seats online to avoid long lines.

✗ A — Buy snacks. Chen does not talk about buying snacks.

✗ B — Check the time. The time is already known.

✗ D — Choose a different movie. Chen does not suggest changing the movie.

4. What is one activity the friends plan to do after the picnic meal?

✓ B — Play board games. They plan to play board games after the picnic meal.

✗ A — Go for a walk. A walk is not mentioned after the picnic.

✗ C — Watch a movie. Watching a movie is not planned after the picnic.

✗ D — Visit the park. Visiting the park is for Saturday, not after the picnic.

5. Why do the friends feel excited at the end of the chat?

✓ A — They have a clear plan for the weekend.

The friends feel excited because they have clear plans and shared tasks.

✗ B — They are going to a concert.

A concert is not mentioned.

✗ C — They will meet new people.

Meeting new people is not mentioned.

✗ D — They will travel to another city.

There is no plan to travel to another city.

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