

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking
Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, freer practice

Focus

Past simple *Wh* questions

Time expressions in the past

When did you last...? questions

Aim

To practice past simple *Wh* questions and time expressions in the past.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This past simple questions activity helps students to practice *Wh* questions and time expressions in the past.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Go through the questions on the worksheet with the class.

Students then go around the class asking and answering the questions on the worksheet, e.g. 'When did you last watch a film?'

Each time a student asks a *When did you last...?* question, they complete the 'When' column with their classmate's answer and ask a past simple *Wh* follow-up question to find out more information, noting down the answer in the last column.

When everyone has finished, students give feedback to the class on what they found out.

If there are any interesting findings, encourage the students to discuss them in more detail.

When did you do that?

When did you last...	When	More information
1. buy some new clothes?		
2. play sport?		
3. go to a beach?		
4. eat an expensive meal?		
5. write an email?		
6. get a present from someone?		
7. stay home from work or school?		
8. do something fun?		
9. tell a lie?		
10. visit a friend?		
11. break something?		
12. take a photograph?		
Useful time expressions: last night last Saturday last week last month last year two days ago three weeks ago four months ago five years ago		