

## **A Free Day**

**Describe a free day from work or study that you had recently.**

You should say:

when it was

why you had a free day

what you did

and explain how you felt about it.

## **Notes**

- Here, "a free day" means one particular day in the past. not "a free day" in general.
- "recently" means any time within the past year or two.
- The English expression is "a day off work" (or, a day free from study) not, "a day out of work". "Out of work" = "unemployed" but that is not correct because a day off work it is just a break and you are still employed.

## **Part 3**

### **Leisure-Time Activities in Your Country**

- What do people in your country like to do on a free day?
- Do men and women generally do the same kinds of things?

- What do children usually do on a free day?
- What do elderly people do in their free time?
- Do families usually do things together?
- Does everyone usually go to the same places in their free time, or do different people tend to go to different places?
- In general, do parents arrange (or choose) what their children do, or do the children choose what to do themselves?
- Do you think children are able to manage their own free time?

### **Holidays & Free Days**

- Do you have many public holidays in your country?
- Would you say that, in general, people like having time off work?
- What's your favourite public holiday?
- Do people in your country today have more free days (off work or school) than they did in the past?
- Why do you think people are still so busy today?
- Do you think that people nowadays spend are spending too much time sitting and not enough time out in the open or in the countryside?
- Do you think it's good that so many people are spending so much time online or playing computer games?
- In the future, what do you think young people will be doing in their free time?
- Do you think people will have more free time in the future, compared to now, or less?
- Do you think science and technology will become more and more dominant in society (or, in people's lives)?
- Would you like to have more free days (or, free time)?

- Do you think it's important for people to have free time?
- Why do companies give their employees vacation time?
- When people have limited free time, how do they choose whether to spend time with the family, or on their own interests?
- (Different to above) If someone had limited free time, how would (or, could) they choose whether to spend time with the family, or on their own interests?

### **Work**

- Do you think it would be an improvement if companies allowed their employees to have more flexible working hours (than they have now)?
- How do you think people's work (or, working hours) will change in the future?