

How was your weekend brainstorming

Work together and brainstorm questions to ask people to prompt conversation when you see them again after the weekend, then discuss which would be best to use with a foreign colleague in your office:

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“Did you get up to anything at the weekend?”

“You said you were going to... at the weekend. Was it any good?”

“Did you see the match?”

“Nice weather at the weekend, wasn't it?”

“Did you manage to get out of town at the weekend?”

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“Dreadful”

“Didn't do much”

“Nothing special”

“Same ole same ole”

“Very relaxing, thank you. How was yours”

“I had terrible diarrhoea”

“Spent most of it in a casino. Do you gamble at all?”

“I spent Saturday with my mistress and Sunday with my family”

“Just went window shopping like usual”

“I played with my friends”