

How questions about work and leisure

Market Leader Elementary Unit 1

Take turns asking questions from below, choosing suitable ones by thinking carefully about the time now, what you already know about your partner, etc.

- How did your presentation go?
- How has your day been (so far)?
- How has your week been (so far)?
- How was your break?
- How was your day off?
- How was your day?
- How was your evening?
- How was your long weekend?
- How's your new division/ department/ section/ team/ office/...?
- How's your new job?/ How's your new position?
- How was your summer holiday?/ How was your summer vacation?
- How was your telecommuting day?/ How was working from home?
- How was your weekend?
- How was your winter break?
- How's business?
- How's work?/ How's your work?
- How's your project going?/ How are you getting on with your project?
- I heard that you... at the weekend. How was it?
- You said that you were going to... last night. How was it?

Suggested answers

- Fantastic/ Wonderful/ Amazing/ Perfect. I...
- Great. I...
- Good/ Fine/ Not bad. I...
- Okay. I...
- Nothing special. I...
- So-so. I...
- Not so good./ Not so great. I...
- Terrible/ Awful/ Dreadful. I...

Ask about any questions above which you don't understand, don't know how to answer or are not sure if they are suitable now or not.

Optional: Label the questions above with W for questions about work or L for questions about leisure. Some could possibly be both but one meaning is always more common, so don't write both W and L next to the same line.

Brainstorming stage

First of all without looking above, brainstorm suitable “How...?” questions into each column below. Other questions not above might also be suitable. If you think of a question which could equally be about both topics (like “How was your trip to...?”), then put it into both columns.

How questions about work	How questions about leisure/ free time

Do these questions have the same or different meanings?

- How has your week been (so far)?/ How was your weekend?
- How has your day been (so far)?/ How was your day?
- How was your day off?/ How was your day?
- How was your day off?/ How was your weekend?/ How was your long weekend?/ How was your vacation?
- How's your new job?/ How's work?
- How's work?/ How's business?
- How's work?/ How's your work?
- How's your project going?/ How are you getting on with your project?

Explain the differences between the ones which are different.