

The Weekend - Guns (C0260)

- A: Hey Nick, what are you up to?
- B: Not much, just heading over to the shooting range. You wanna come?
- A: Seriously? You mean to fire a real weapon? I don't know man.
- B: Yeah it will be fun! I have a 9mm pistol that is really easy to shoot. I also have a revolver that's really fun too! They have big targets at the range that we could use to practice and improve your aim.
- A: Yeah that would be cool! Maybe I can also have a try at other weapons like a machine gun or a shotgun! Maybe even a rocket launcher or an anti tank missile! Or what about a flame thrower!

B: Whoa, take it easy there Rambo. Don't get carried away. These weapons are not toys, and you must first learn how to handle them properly. There are basic rules that you must abide by in order to be safe. For example, never handle a weapon that you haven't inspected yourself. Always make sure there isn't anything in the chamber, and never put your finger on the trigger unless you are ready to shoot!

A: Wow, I didn't know! It always looks so cool and easy in the movies!

B: The reality is different you know, running and firing a weapon is a lot harder than in the movies! So are you ready?

A: Let's do it!

Key Vocabulary

shooting range	<i>N</i>	a specified place to practice shooting
target	<i>N</i>	object to be aimed at in shooting practice

revolver	<i>N</i>	a small gun with a container for bullets
inspect	<i>V</i>	to look at (something) carefully

Supplementary Vocabulary

rifle	<i>N</i>	a shoulder firearm with spiral grooves cut in the inner surface of the gun barrel
scope	<i>N</i>	instrument on a gun for viewing and aiming at the target
magazine	<i>N</i>	a metal receptacle for a number of cartridges, inserted into certain types of automatic weapons
round	<i>N</i>	ammunition for a single shot
barrel	<i>N</i>	the metal, cylindrical part of a firearm through which the bullet travels