



ENGLISH

Chapter 14 Session A

2nd
SECONDARY

MYTHS AND LEGENDS

Simple Past & Past Progressive



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Past Progressive





SPEAKING

Last Weekend



Jill and Stacey are talking about their weekend. Listen and complete the dialogue.



How a was
your weekend?

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It was great! I b loved
every minute of it.

What c did you do?

Well, many things, but I really
loved the d movie I saw on
Saturday afternoon.

What movie did you e see?

Rob Roy. It is about Rob Roy MacGregor,
an 18th-century Scottish clan chief who
battled with an unscrupulous nobleman
in the Scottish Highlands.



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I think I've read the book about him.
He f was always trying to
live up to his word, even if it meant
sacrificing his personal choices.

Yeah, but some people g considered
him a thief and a blackmailer. A
great story about honest clansmen
and corrupt aristocrats.

I think I'm going to watch
it next weekend!

Definitely not to be missed!

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Talking about the Weekend

How was your weekend?

What did you do?

Did you...?

Speaking Task

Prepare a dialogue between you and a classmate.

Step 1

Talk to your friend about what he / she did over the weekend. Here are some examples:

go to the club / swimming pool



go cycling



read / relax

Step 2

Think about what questions to ask.

How was your weekend?

What did you do?

Where did you go?

Did you like it?

Tell your classmate to think about answers.

I went / watched / visited...

I was visiting ... when...

I liked it. I didn't like it.

Step 3

Work in pairs. Write the dialogue.

Step 4

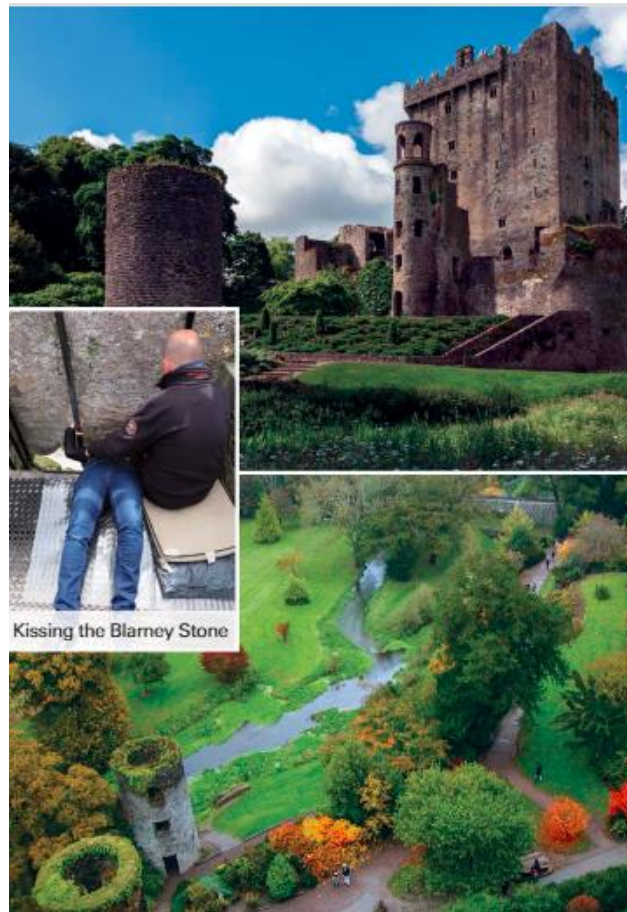
Take turns practicing your dialogue.



Blarney Castle

Blarney Castle is a medieval fortress in county Cork, Ireland. The first Blarney Castle, built in the 10th century, was a wooden structure. A stone fortification replaced it two centuries later, around 1210 but, because of foundation problems, it was knocked down and the third medieval structure was constructed in 1446 by Cormac McCarthy. Although the McCarthy clan built Blarney Castle, different families possessed it over the centuries.

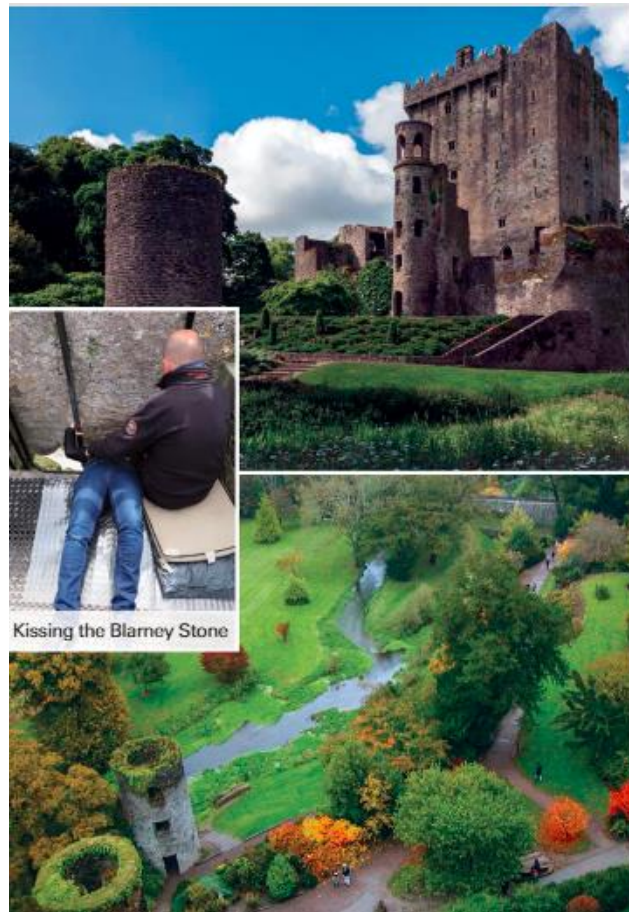
Blarney Castle is popular mainly because of the Blarney Stone, which carries many stories. The most accepted, however, is that in 1314, the Irish were supporting the Scots at the battle of Bannockburn so, in gratitude, Robert the Bruce (a Scot who defeated the English) gave a portion of the stone to McCarthy who installed it at Blarney Castle. It became known as the Blarney Stone.





According to Irish folklore, any person who kisses the stone receives the ability to speak with eloquence, that is, to be a better communicator. They call it 'the gift of the gab*'. Kissing the stone became popular in the 1800s. Over the past 200 years, rich and poor, young and old, famous and not-so-famous, millions of kissing pilgrims have come looking for one thing in common: the gift of the gab.

*gab: the ability to talk a lot and for a long time about unimportant things.





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Read and listen to the information about Blarney Castle and write T for *true* or F for *false*. Correct the false statements.

a **T** Blarney Castle is situated in Cork, Ireland.

b **F** Around 1210, a third medieval structure was built.

The third medieval structure was constructed in 1446.

c **F** The McCarthy clan owns the castle to this day.

Different families possessed it over the centuries.

d **T** One of the stories about the Blarney Stone is that Robert the Bruce gave a portion of the stone to McCarthy, who installed it at Blarney Castle.

e **F** According to Irish folklore, any person who kisses the stone receives the ability to speak different languages.

According to Irish folklore, any person who kisses the stone receives the ability to speak with eloquence.

f **T** The Irish call this ability 'the gift of the gab.'

- 2 Are there any famous castles or historical sites in your country? Name one and mention any fact about it that attracts visitors.

Personal answer



5 Complete the questions with *Was* or *Were*. Then match the questions with the short answers.

6 Were you watching TV at 8:00 night?

a **4** Was your dad sitting on the sofa?

b **2** Were your friends chatting on the phone?

c **5** Was your dog sleeping in the kitchen?

d **1** Was I talking too much?

e **3** Were we having a good time?



1 Yes, you were.

2 No, they weren't.

3 Yes, we were.

4 No, he wasn't.

5 Yes, it was.

6 Yes, I was.

6 Order the words to make questions. Then complete the short answers.

watching / Was / Paul / at 8:00pm / TV ?

Was Paul watching TV at 8:00pm?

Yes, he was.

a they / talking / to their friends / Were / at 11:00pm ?

Were they talking to their friends at 11:00pm?

No, **they weren't.**

b at 2:00am / Dan / Was / reading ?

Was Dan reading at 2:00am?

Yes, **he was.**

c having breakfast / at 8:00am / your parents / Were ?

Were your parents having breakfast at 8:00am?

Yes, **they were.**

d Were / a
Were

Yes, **I v**

e Nicola /
Was N

No, **he**

f speaking
you ?

Were yc

I was.
Yes, _____.



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om?

all / Was ?

1:00am?

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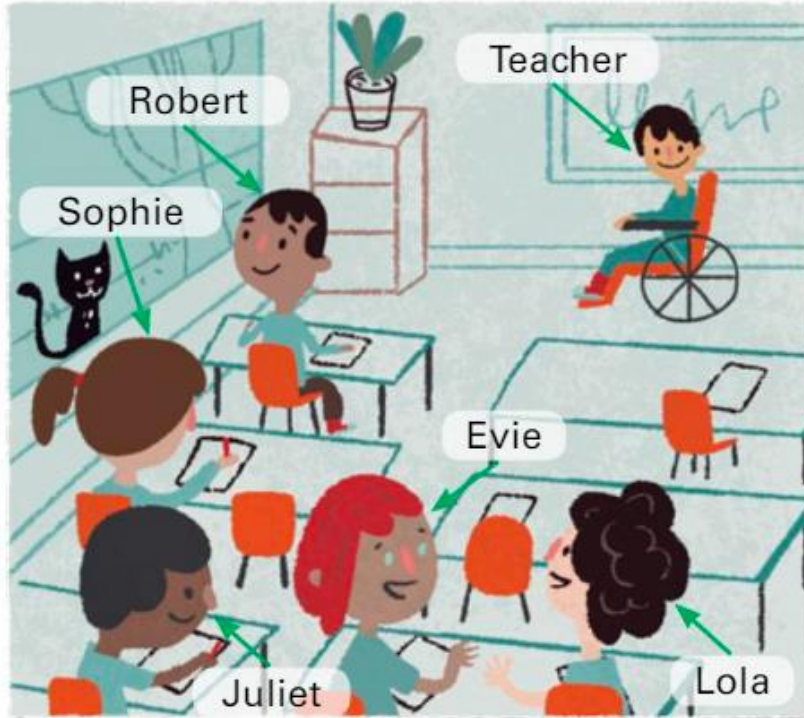
vacation?

- 7** Write questions with the past progressive.
Then look at the picture and write short
answers.


Evie / chat / with Lola?

Was Evie chatting with Lola?

Yes, she was.



- a Robert / listen / to the teacher?
Was Robert listening to the teacher?
No, he wasn't.
- b Juliet and Sophie / work / hard?
Were Juliet and Sophie working hard?
Yes, they were.
- c the teacher / look / at the students?
Was the teacher looking at the students?
Yes, he was.
- d the cat / eat / a fish?
Was the cat eating a fish?
No, it wasn't



8 Write questions with *you* in the past progressive.

a dance / at 2:00am on Saturday night?

Were you dancing at 2:00am on Saturday night?

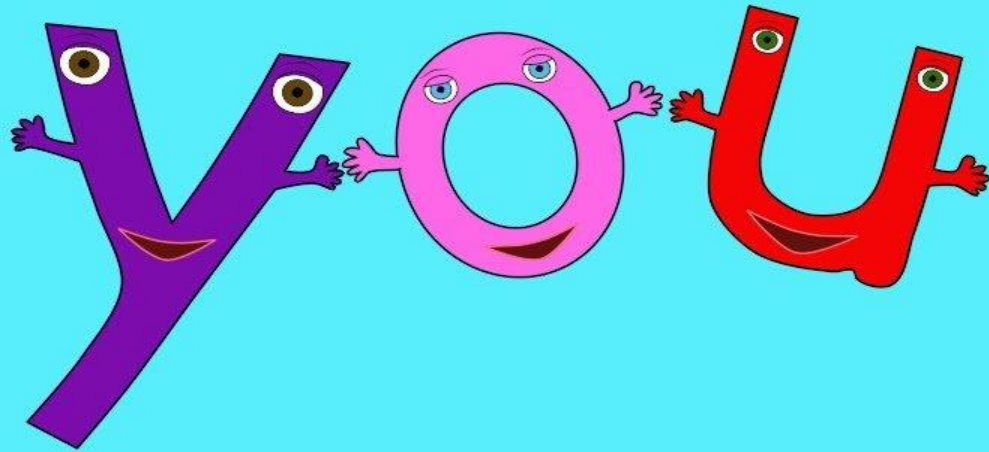
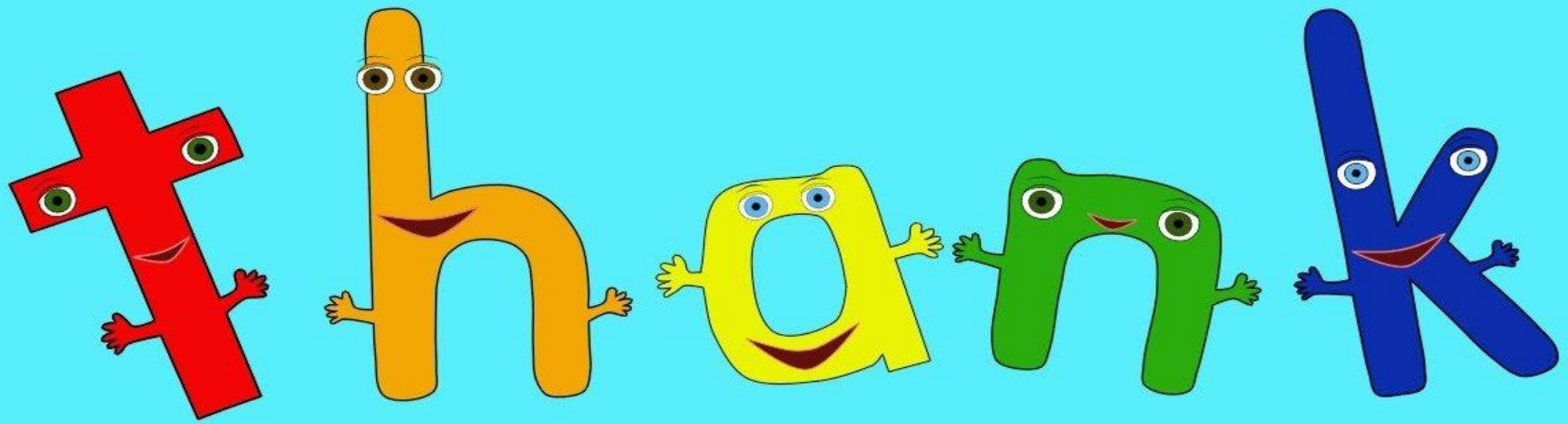
b play basketball / at 8:00am on Sunday morning?

Were you playing basketball at 8:00am on Sunday morning?

c have breakfast / at 8:00am yesterday?

Were you having breakfast at 8:00am yesterday?





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