



Day Off

Conversation > Intermediate 4



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

day off	A day when you don't work.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Why don't you take a day off?</i>

a couple of weeks	Two or a few weeks.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: He was on a trip for a couple of weeks.</i>

tons of	A lot of.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: She bought tons of souvenirs for us.</i>

miserable	Very unhappy.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: It was a miserable situation that I'll never forget.</i>

souvenir	A thing that is kept as a reminder of a person, place, or event.
[noun]	<i>Ex: We brought back a few souvenirs from our holiday in Mexico.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Joe: Hey, Matt! How are you?

Matt: I'm doing alright. You look very happy, Joe!

Joe: Absolutely! Finally, I'm having a day off! I was busy these past couple of weeks, I had no rest.

Matt: Wow, busy man!

Joe: What about you? How's your work going?

Matt: I'm going on a business trip to the United States next week.



Joe: That sounds great! If I were you, I'd take tons of pictures and buy souvenirs.

Matt: Being away from my family for three months is not so great.

Joe: That's true.

Matt: I might not get many days off while I'm there. I feel miserable.

Joe: I understand how you feel. Anyway, have a nice trip!

Matt: Thanks, Joe.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

days off
miserable
tons of
souvenir
a couple of weeks

1. He felt _____ and lonely.
2. I stayed in a hotel for _____.
3. Saturday and Sunday are usually my _____.
4. I bought _____ clothing.
5. Don't forget to buy me a _____!



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You're having a day off, talk with your co-worker about how you're going to spend your day off. The teacher can be the co-worker.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. What do you think is the best number of days off in one week?
2. How do you usually spend your day off?
3. What do you think about people who spend their days off sleeping?
4. What special activities do you plan for your days off?
5. What was the longest number of days off you have ever had? How did you spend them?