

Teaching notes

Activity

Whole class

Time

10 – 15 minutes

Objective

To practise responding using auxiliary verbs

Language

Are you? Have you? Did you? etc.

Preparation

Make one copy of the activity sheet on page 42 and cut out the cards so that each student has one.

Procedure

1. Write the following model dialogue on the board:
A: *I had a terrible night. I couldn't sleep at all.*
B: *Couldn't you? You poor thing. Were you worried about something?*
A: *Not really. I suppose it was just one of those things.*
2. Practise the dialogue with the class, focusing on the intonation when responding with the auxiliary verb. Elicit ways of responding to bad news and good news:
 - *That's too bad, Never mind, I'm sorry to hear that, You must be really upset/annoyed/frustrated, etc.*
 - *Brilliant, Congratulations, Well done, Good for you, etc.*
3. Now write the following model dialogue on the board and ask students to complete it:
A: *I had a great night. I... .*
B: *...:you? ...?*
A: *... .*
4. Give one card to each student and ask them to find a partner. Explain that they will use the sentence starters in their cards to produce dialogues similar to the model dialogues on the board. Students take turns asking and responding. When both students have had a turn, they exchange cards, find a new partner, and repeat the process with the new card.

Follow-up

Have students get in groups to talk about what they did last night/weekend and to respond using auxiliary verbs.

**I've just found out
I'm going to...**

**I've just found out I'm
not going to...**

**I've just found out
I've got...**

**I've just found out
I haven't got...**

**You know, I haven't...
since yesterday.**

**You know, I've been...
since the weekend.**

**You know, I'm...at
the moment.**

**You know, I was
thinking of going...**

**I've got some bad news.
I can't...**

**I've got some good
news. I can...**

**I've got some bad
news. I'm not...**

**I've got some good
news. I'm...**

**I bought a
great...yesterday.**

**I did something really
stupid yesterday. I...**

My...isn't working.

Did you hear? It's...

**I had a great weekend.
We went...**

**I had a terrible
weekend. We couldn't...**