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Level: A1

Focus: Grammar - Past Simple

Theme: Going out

Activity: Deducing from the evidence in a picture

ANA'S BAG

This is a sample class activity from lesson 10A of English Result Elementary by Hancock and McDonald (Oxford University Press 2007). You can use it as part of a lesson in which you present and practice the past simple.

You will need to be able to project the picture of Ana's Bag, for this lesson, or else have good quality printouts of the picture.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Ask students to look at the picture. Explain that it shows the contents of a woman called Ana's bag. Ask them to play the detective and look at the clues to decide what Ana did last week. Get them started by asking questions, for example:
 - What restaurants did she go to?
 - When did she go to the cinema?
 - What did she see?
- Who did she meet?
- Where did she meet him?
- 2. Copy this diary page on the board and ask students to write notes about Ana's activities in it.

Mon 23 rd	Tue 24th	Wed 25th	Thu 26th	Fri 27th	Sat 28 th
			art gallery		

Key

Mon - to the pool

Tue - to the shops

Wed - to a wine har

Thu - to London

Fri - to the cinema, to an Italian restaurant

Sat - to the theatre, to a Chinese restaurant

below, for example:

She went to the fitness centre and had a swim on Monday.

and...

3. Nominate students to make sentences with help from the sentence frames The rest of the class should listen and say if the information is correct or not.

the Fitness Centre

C&A

London

She went to...

Luiai's

the cinema

Blake's wine har

the Footlights Theatre

the Happy Buddha Virgin Records

bought a CD.

bought some jeans.

had vegetable fried rice.

had a swim.

had spaghetti carbonara. met an actor called Paul Chan saw "An Inspector Calls".

saw "River of Time". visited the Tate Gallery.