

A Picnic After Work

A1 | Adults / Teens | Reading + Vocabulary + Discussion | 40-50 minutes

BEFORE YOU READ

Talk with a partner. What do you like to do after work or school?

1. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1. visit | _____ | A. full of people or activity |
| 2. early | _____ | B. decide which thing you want |
| 3. busy | _____ | C. giving useful help |
| 4. choose | _____ | D. like doing something |
| 5. helpful | _____ | E. go to a place for a short time |
| 6. enjoy | _____ | F. before the usual time |

2. Read the article. The bold words are the vocabulary from Activity 1.

- On Friday, Sam and his friends plan to **visit** a park for a picnic after work. They **choose** a park near the river. Sam arrives **early** with juice and sandwiches.
- Soon the park becomes **busy**. A **helpful** park worker shows the group a quiet place under some trees. They **enjoy** their food and talk about their week.
- Before they go home, the friends put all their rubbish in a bin. They want other people to **enjoy** the park too.

Vocabulary note: rubbish (UK) = trash (US).

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UNDERSTAND, DISCUSS AND WRITE

3. Comprehension. Answer in complete sentences. Use the article to help you.

1. When do Sam and his friends have a picnic?

2. What does Sam bring?

3. Who helps the group?

4. What do the friends do before going home?

4. Discuss. Talk in small groups. Give reasons and examples.

- Where do you like to meet friends?
- What food is good for a picnic?
- How can people keep parks clean?

5. Homework: Write a short invitation.

Write 60-80 words inviting a friend to a picnic or small event. Say where and when to meet and what to bring.

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ANSWER KEY AND TEACHING NOTE

Vocabulary matching

1. visit - E
2. early - F
3. busy - A
4. choose - B
5. helpful - C
6. enjoy - D

Comprehension answers

1. When do Sam and his friends have a picnic?

They have it on Friday after work.

2. What does Sam bring?

He brings juice and sandwiches.

3. Who helps the group?

A park worker helps them.

4. What do the friends do before going home?

They put their rubbish in a bin.

Teaching note

Compare vocabulary answers before reading. Offer simple sentence starters. Help learners plan a picnic invitation: where and when to meet and what to bring. Accept accurate comprehension paraphrases and supported personal responses.