10. Conversazione guidata

Do this task in pairs.

Choose one of these conversations, and use the prompts to create a dialogue in Italian, using the passato prossimo where appropriate. Rehearse your conversation and perform it for your teacher.

**Conversation 1: Between two friends**

Friend A: Hi...what's the matter?

Friend B: You're late again! I’ve been waiting forty minutes. You said “Let’s meet at noon”.

Friend A: Sorry. I've had a busy morning. I got up at ten...

Friend B: Why so late?

Friend A: I did a lot of homework last night. I wrote two essays. I studied for the test. I went to bed at 1am.

Friend B: Well, what did you do this morning?

Friend A: I had a shower, I washed my hair, I got dressed, I put on my make up...

Friend B: And you call this busy??

Friend A: I have to look presentable, don't I?

Friend B: This morning I finished my homework, took the dog for a walk, cleaned my room, read the newspaper, but I wasn't late! Tell me the truth, you watched TV all morning and forgot our date.

Friend A: But it's my favourite program! I didn't forget our date. Milena phoned at eleven o'clock.

Friend B: And naturally you spoke for an hour.

Friend A: What do you want, she's my best friend! Listen, I promise this is the last time I'll be late. Now let's go, I'm hungry.

Friend B: You said that last week!
Conversation 2: Between older sister and younger sibling

NOTE: The younger sibling has a choice of responses. For each line of the dialogue, choose the response that you prefer.

Older sister   What did you do today?
Younger sibling My class had an excursion to the art gallery.
Older sister   Did you go by bus?
Younger sibling No, we took the train.
Older sister   Then did you walk to the gallery from the station?
Younger sibling (Response A) Yes, it’s not far.  
(Response B) No, at the central station, Daniela and I lost the teacher.
Older sister   What did you two do?
Younger sibling (Response A) The guide explained each painting and we listened.  
(Response B) We decided to go to the shopping mall instead of the gallery.
Older sister   And your teacher, what did she do?
Younger sibling (Response A) She’s old, she fell asleep during the lesson.  
(Response B) She’s old, she forgot to count the students.
Older sister   So did you enjoy yourselves?
Younger sibling (Response A) I didn’t understand everything, but it was interesting.  
(Response B) Yes, very, we looked at the people and the shops.
Older sister   Did you eat?
Younger sibling (Response A) We had lunch in the park.  
(Response B) I bought a roll and an ice cream.
Older sister   Did you see anything else?
Younger sibling (Response A) Yes, we saw the house where a famous painter was born.  
(Response B) Yes, we went up to the thirtieth storey to see a view of the city.
Older sister   So has it been a good day?
Younger sibling (Response A) Yes, I learned a lot.  
(Response B) Yes, it has been my favourite school excursion!