

# 10. Conversazione guidata

Italian, Section 36 : Passato prossimo

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!