

## Overview - On The Weekend



On Monday mornings everyone engages in conversations about the weekend. *On the Weekend* illustrates twelve common events to spur the students' own weekend stories and to interact with others. Sharing each other's weekend stories builds rich vocabulary, informs students of what is happening in their community, and encourages them to try something new.

### Importance of Personalizing

The process of talking about students' weekends, then transcribing them to print, helps learners understand that *reading is the process of making sense from print*. (Johns & Lenski, 1997) Capitalizing on the ESL literacy learner's prior knowledge and relaying information that is relevant and familiar, ensures more success with understanding the text's meaning. Provide many opportunities for the students to reread or listen to the weekend stories as often as possible. Rereading and hearing the stories again and again provides the practice needed to make the reading more fluent.



## Language Development

### **Vocabulary:**

Nouns: clothes, family, groceries, temple, hair, swimming pool,  
English, weekend, Saturday, Sunday, morning,  
afternoon, evening

Verbs: phone, vacuum, wash, buy, work, pray, visit, watch,  
braid, go, barbeque, study

Pronouns: he, she, they

Phonics: r blends, initial consonants, ph=f

Colors: gray, blue, yellow, red, white, pink, brown, purple,  
green, orange

\*Johns, Jerry & Lenski, Susan. *Improving Reading A Handbook of Strategies*. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 1997.