**Urdu Study Guide 52**

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**Materials for this Study Guide**

*Beginning Urdu: A Complete Course*  (and accompanying audio recordings on CD)

* Unit VIII: Chapter 37 (My Weekend: The Perfective Verb Tense, Transitive and Intransitive Verbs, The Perfective of Transitive Verbs)
* Unit V: Chapters 22-24 and Chapter 26, Review Activities #1, #2, and #3

Conversation Preparation Guides on LangMedia: <http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/conversation> **:**

* Social and Family Life – Telling Stories – A Childhood Vacation

Urdu Resources on LangMedia: <http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk/Pakistan>

* *CultureTalk Pakistan* Video: Education: [University Students](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk-subtopics/Pakistan/187/University-Students) - “A Textile Engineer”

*Language Learning Strategies and Tools* on LangMedia (<http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/strategies>)

**Assignments for Independent Study**

*Chapters 22-24*: Review Talking About Things You Used to Do

* Reviewtalking about the past in *Beginning Urdu (BU)* Unit 5, Chapters 22-24
* **HAND IN:** Write one paragraph (7-10 sentences) about things you used to do when you were in high school.
* **Prepare for Conversation Session:** Be prepared to tell about things you used to do in high school/secondary school Be prepared to ask others questions about what you used to do in high school/secondary school.

*Chapter 37*: Review Talking about Specific Events in the Past

* Review talking about the past in *Beginning Urdu,* Unit 8, Chapter 37
* Work through the “Practice on Your Own” section of this [Conversation Preparation Guide](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/conversation):
  + - * Social and Family Life – Telling Stories – A Childhood Vacation
* **HAND IN:** Write a two paragraph description (14-18 sentences) of some trip or outing you took as a child (real or made up).
* **Prepare for Conversation Session:** Plan ahead for each of the activities in the “Practice in Conversation Session” section of the “A Childhood Vacation” conversation preparation guide. Be prepared to tell about a childhood trip or outing (real or made up).

*Urdu Resources on LangMedia*: Engaging with Real Urdu

* Watch the video: [LangMedia *CultureTalk Pakistan*: Education: University Students - “A Textile Engineer”.](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk-subtopics/Pakistan/187/University-Students) Do not expect to understand everything. Listen multiple times to see what you can understand, then study the transcript and/or translation and listen again.
* **HAND IN:**  Write at least 7 sentences describing what the speaker studies, why she studies it, and her reason for studying at only one of a small number of schools.
* **HAND IN:** Write two reasons someone might give in favor of studying crafts like textiles. Write two reasons someone might give for not choosing to study a craft. Write two reasons someone might give in favor of studying a different subject, such as film or literature. Write two reasons someone might give for not studying that subject.
* **Prepare for Conversation Session:** Be prepared to describe the speaker’s choice of career and current educational circumstances. Be prepared to give reasons for studying or not studying crafts and also for various other subjects in which people specialize.
  + - * **For further discussion:** Do you think money should be a factor in choosing a major or career? What role do you think parents should have in determining a student’s choice of major? What if parents and children disagree about the choice of a major?

**Conversation Session Preparation**

* Be prepared to ask and answer questions about what you used to do when you were in high school/secondary school.
* Be prepared to tell about a childhood vacation (real or made up).
* Be prepared to describe the speaker in the video’s choice of career and educational circumstances.
* Be prepared to discuss reasons someone might give for choosing or not choosing specific college majors or careers.
* Be prepared to give your opinion on the questions for further discussion: Should money be a factor in choosing a major? What role should parents have? What if parents and children disagree on the major

**Homework for Tutorial**

* Your paragraph about things you used to do in high school.
* Your two paragraph description of a trip or outing you took as a child (real or made up).
* Write at least 7 sentences describing what the speaker studies, why she studies it, and her reason for studying at only one of a small number of schools.
* Your list of reasons pro and con for studying a subject like crafts and textiles. Your lists of reasons pro and con for studying another subject such as film or literature.