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The English We Speak

Wet weekend



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Feifei

Hello. I'm Feifei and this is The English We Speak.

Rob

... and hello, it's Rob here. Good weekend Feifei?

Feifei

Amazing – the weather was great so I went on a trip to the seaside. And you were going camping weren't you?

Rob

I was but it turned out to be a bit of a **wet weekend**.

Feifei

Oh no, you mean it rained? That's unlucky, the sun was out all weekend here.

Rob

Oh well the weather was fine – but I didn't go. The car broke down again so I stayed at home, doing DIY *all* weekend – boring!

Feifei

So a **wet weekend** doesn't have to involve rain?

Rob

Nope. A **wet weekend** means a boring and disappointing time.

Feifei

And it doesn't have to be at the weekend either?

Rob

Correct. This phrase just means the situation is boring just like a **wet weekend** is. You can also use the expression to describe boring people. Here are some examples...

Examples

That was a **wet weekend**, my friends were coming to stay but cancelled at the last minute.

My cousin's a bit of a **wet weekend**, he's got no personality and nothing to say.

I had to do my accounts yesterday – it was like a **wet weekend** in a paint factory!

Feifei

So a **wet weekend** describes a boring or disappointing experience or person. Well I'm glad to say that you're not a **wet weekend** Rob – I like your sense of adventure, so when are you going to go camping again?

Rob

Next weekend.

Feifei

Oh really. Have you seen the weather forecast?

Rob

No.

Feifei

Rain *all* weekend.... Oh what's wrong? You have a face like a **wet weekend**!

Rob

A face like a **wet weekend**? You mean I look unhappy? Well I'm not, if it rains, I'm coming round to yours for dinner!

Feifei

Oh no. Bye.

Rob

Bye.