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Introduction

Have you ever given a suggestion and an offer to your friend? Read the following dialogue!

Andi: It's cloudy outside.

Seto : Really? Oh no. I have to go to the bookstore.

Andi: **Why don't you bring umbrella?**

Seto: I don't think so. I'm afraid the rain comes heavily.

Andi: **How about raincoat?** It is safer.

Seto: My raincoat is left in my grandpa's house.

Andi: **You can use my raincoat.** I don't need it today

Seto: Oh, that's very kind of you

From the dialogue above, we can identify that:

Why don't you bring umbrella } Giving suggestion

How about raincoat? }

You can use my raincoat. → Giving an offer

In this chapter, we are going to discuss about social function, structure, and language feature giving suggestion and offer.

Asking For and Giving Suggestion and Offer

1. Asking for and Giving Suggestion

Suggestion is an idea or plan, so giving suggestion means giving an idea or plan. When we give suggestion, it means that we decide what to do with our friends. In other words, we give them advice on what they might do in certain situation`

a. Social Function of Asking for and Giving Suggestion

The social function of asking for and giving suggestion is to facilitate interpersonal communication between different people.

We can ask for suggestion from someone about something with the following expressions.

Do you have a suggestion?

What is your suggestion?

Do you have an idea?

Can you suggest a book about stories?

There are some expressions that we can use to give suggestion.

Giving Suggestion	Accepting Suggestion	Refusing Suggestion
Why don't you join us? What about going to the park? How about watching TV? You could study at the library I suggest you have lunch first. If I were you, I'd study hard. You'd better apologize to her. You should go for a picnic. You ought to buy the jacket first.	That's a good idea. Alright. Good/okay/right. That sounds like a good idea Yes, you are right. That's interesting Sounds good. Thanks for the suggestion I'll think about it. Let's go to the restaurant. Why not?	No, I don't think so. I don't think we should. Well, not really. No. Let's... That's too boring.

Example:

- Alice : You know Alan, *why don't we go to the cinema to watch Titanic?*
 Alan : *No, let's not.* We've seen the film many times before. *What about going to the library?* We have to finish our school project!
 Alice : That sounds like a good idea. But when we finish *let's go to the café.*
 Alan : Yes, I'd love to.

b. Structure of Giving suggestion

- 1) I + suggest + that (clause).
E.g.: I suggest that he cleans his rooms.
- 2) We + recommend + that (clause).
E.g.: We recommend that she reads Harry Potter
- 3) I + advise + that (clause).
E.g.: I advise that he should study hard
- 4) You + should + (Base Verb).
E.g.: You should work hard
- 5) Why don't + you + (Base Verb)?
E.g.: Why don't you join with us?
- 6) How about / what about + (Noun/ V-ing)?
E.g.: How about going to the beach?
- 7) You'd better + (Base Verb).
Eg: You'd better study hard
- 8) You + might (want to)/could + (Base Verb).
Eg: You might go now
You could finish your homework in my room.
- 9) Why not + (Base Verb)?
Eg: Why not study with us?

2. Asking for and Giving an Offer

An offer is act of asking if someone would like to have something or if they would like you to do something. We usually say yes, please or no, thanks when we reply to offers.

Look at the following expressions!

Offer	Accepting an Offer	Refusing an Offer
Can I get you something to read? Can I offer you a drink? Would you like some cakes? Do you want some help? Shall I clean your table? Would you like me to accompany you? Is there anything I can do? Can I help you? What can I help you? Let me carry your books Let me get you a drink.	Yes, please Thank you very much. That's very kind of you It's just what I wanted. If you don't mind	Thanks, but I'm okay No, don't bother you No, thanks I can manage, thank Not at the moment

Structure of Giving Offer

- a. May I + V1...?
Example: May I help you?
- b. Can I + V1...?
Example: Can I put your book in your bag?
- c. Shall + V1. ...?
Example: Shall I cook for you?
- d. Would you like me to + V1 . . . ?
Example: Would you like me to help you?

The Use Of modal "Should"

Should

Should is usually used to express suggestion, recommendation, or advice. Look examples!

- a. A: What should I do to get the good score?
B: You should study harder.
- b. A : Should I take this shirt?
B: Yes, you should take it. It looks good on you.

Those dialogues use should to ask for and give suggestion.

Pattern: should + base verb/V1

1. Can

We usually use can to show ability and permission. **Can** can also be used to give suggestion and offer. Look at the following examples!

- a. A: Can I help you bring that box?
B: Yes, please.
- b. A:I don't know how I can get to the airport.
B:I can give you a lift to the airport.
A : Thank you very much.
- c. A: What can I do to be slim?
B: You can exercise regularly at the gym.
- d. A:I forgot to bring my pen.
B: You can use my pen. It is on the table.

Those dialogues use can to ask for and give suggestion and offer.

Pattern: can + base verb/V1

We mostly use could to give suggestion. Look at the following examples!

- a. A: You could spend your vacation in my villa.
B: Really? That's very kind of you.
- b. A:I can't cook. My mother is not at home.
B: You could eat out tonight.

Pattern: could + base verb

Look at the following video

Exercises

Identify whether the following Expressions belong to suggestion (S) or offer.(O)

1. (.....) You can wear my extra helmet.
2. (.....) You should try doing it like this
3. (.....) You can ask me if you have any questions
4. (.....) You can count on me
5. (.....) You should clean your unit as quickly as possible so that I can be returned to service.
6. (.....) You have flu you should stay at home
7. (.....) I think you should join in an English course
8. (.....) I can do that for you if you don't mind
9. (.....) You should speak to our teacher about this matter
10. (.....) You should go shopping with me by my car

Match the following expressions with the responses

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| 1. Can I help you? | You should practice more |
| 2. Can I take you a chair? | No thanks I have to go soon |
| 3. Can I take you some chalks, Sir? | You should buy her a bunch of flowers |
| 4. Can I return your book in the library? | Yes, please. Help me lift this block please |
| 5. What should I do to get my wallet back? | You should buy ticket now before it is sold out |
| 6. What should I do that I can go home? | You should go to the clinic soon |
| 7. What should I do to relieve my stomachache? | You can wear my raincoat I have another one |
| 8. What can I give to my mother for her birthday? | You should a report in the police |
| 9. I want to watch the concert what should I do? | Yes please. there are no chalks left. |
| 10. It's cloudy. What can I do so that I can go home? | Thank you very much. I am glad you returned it because it will be busy today |

Complete the following expressions with should or can!

1. When when you visit Bandung. You stay at my house.
2. You look pale. You I sit down here for a while
3. I think I cannot read your handwriting. You..... Write neatly.
4. It is cloudy outside. You..... bring your umbrella or raincoat.
5. There must be a problem with your computer. You Borrow my laptop.
6. Your hair looks messy. You..... Get a haircut.
7. I wash your car Daddy? I am not busy today.
8. I think you look thinner. Yougo exercise and eat more.
9. People ...eat fresh vegetables and fruits in they want to be healthy.
10. If your mother doesn't cook today. You go to my house and have lunch with me.