

LESSON 3

Happy Birthday!

In this lesson you will listen, speak, read and write about celebrations through telephone conversations and articles.

How would you invite your friends to a party? What do you need to include?

Before Listening A Telephone Conversation

- 1 Look at the pictures and predict:
 - a. What types of parties can you see?
 - b. What do you think guests need to bring?



While Listening

- 2 Listen (12) to the telephone conversation. Mark (✓) the type of party Julie invites Jim to. Were your predictions from exercise 1 correct?

Listening Tip

Intonation

The rising intonation of questions helps you to identify the relevant information you need.

- 3 Listen again and answer the questions.

- a. What time and day is the party? _____
- b. Where is the party? _____
- c. Does Jim want to go to the party? _____
- d. What does he need to do? _____
- e. What two things does he need to bring? _____

After Listening



- 4 In pairs, discuss if you would like to go to Julie's party. Give reasons.

Pronunciation Tip

Contractions

Contractions are very common in spoken English, but not so common in written English.

- 5 Write the correct contraction from the box next to the sentence. Then listen (13) and check.

I'm - I'd - It's - That's

- a. _____ It is Julie.
- b. _____ That is right!
- c. _____ I would love to come.
- d. _____ I am having a party.

Speaking Task Expressing Wish and Necessity

1 Read the examples and match them to their functions.

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| a. "Would you like to come?"
"Yes, I'd love to." | _____ Expressing necessity. |
| b. "Could you bring some chips?"
"Yes, I can." | _____ Inviting and accepting. |
| c. "I need to check with my
parents." | _____ Requesting and responding. |

Grammar

See page 174.

2 Underline the correct option.

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| a. <i>Could / Would</i> you like to come to a party? | e. Yes, of course I <i>can / need</i> . |
| b. Yes, I <i>would / can</i> love to. | f. <i>Could / Would</i> I bring a friend? |
| c. Do I <i>need to / should</i> bring anything? | g. Yes, you <i>can / would</i> . |
| d. <i>Need / Could</i> you bring some soda? | h. You <i>need to / would</i> tell me if you can come. |

3 Number the sentences in order to create a dialogue.

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| _____ Could you bring some soda and chips? | _____ It's at my house at 4 p.m. |
| _____ Do you need me to bring anything? | _____ Great! Bye. |
| _____ Sure. I'll see you on Saturday. | _____ I'd love to. Where is it? |
| _____ Hi. Would you like to come to my party on Saturday? | |



4 In pairs, choose a type of party you would like to have and write notes about it so you can create a dialogue. Follow the instructions.



Student A

- Greet your friend and invite him or her to a party.
- Say when and where the party is.
- Ask your friend to bring something.
- Say good-bye.



Student B

- Accept the invitation and ask when the party is.
- Say you want to go.
- Ask if it is necessary to bring anything.
- Confirm that you will bring something.
- Say good-bye.

Speaking Tip

Hesitation

Even native speakers doubt about what to say. Use the correct temporal fillers such as *so...*, *well...*, or *okay...* to make some time.

5 Practice your dialogue.

Before Reading An Internet Article

- 1 Make predictions about the text and then go to question 2.
 - a. When do people send invitations and cards?
 - b. What special occasion can you see in the picture?



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Invitations ¹⁴

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What is the most important day of the year for you? Your birthday, of course! A lot of people like to celebrate their birthdays with friends and family. How do you organize a good party? First, you have to invite the people you would like to be there! How many friends do you want to invite? Sending invitations is an important stage in organizing a successful party. Everybody loves receiving an invitation.

If you are having a themed party, you can design your invitation in a similar style to your theme. Here are some popular party themes:

A Slumber Party or Camping Party

This is when you invite a few friends to sleep overnight. You can have the party inside or outside. Make all the necessary preparations. How much food do you need?

Paula's Picnic Party
 To: Diego
 Please come to my party
 On Sunday, August 15
 From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Location:
 Meet at 126 Lincoln
 Avenue, Hertsfeld
 Dress code:
 Summer clothes—and
 bring a blanket
 R.S.V.P. 482-0337

Sarah's Slumber Party
 To: Paula
 Place: My house!
 Bring your pajamas, a
 sleeping bag, and your
 toothbrush! There is no
 need to bring any
 snacks.
 Saturday
 29 april
 6 PM

While Reading**2** Read the text quickly and answer the questions.

- a. Who do people celebrate their birthdays with? _____
- b. When do people send you party invitations? _____
- c. What types of themed parties are mentioned? _____

3 Write the words in the correct columns.

soda – sleeping bag – toothbrush – intermission – ice-cream – pajamas

Slumber or camping party	Movie party

A Movie Party

Maybe you would like to watch a movie with your friends. Remember to have intermissions to eat popcorn and ice-cream and to drink some soda.

A Pool Party or Sports Party

Organizing your party at a pool or on a sports field can be very exciting for your friends. There are many different possibilities, but check your invitation before you send it. Are you missing any information?

For all types of parties, it is important to make an attractive invitation. Sprinkle them with a little glitter, make them colorful, but keep them simple. Always use polite language, and make your friends feel like they are invited to the event of the year—which it is!

