

When we make suggestions in English, some suggestions take the **infinitive form** of the verb and others use the **-ing** or **noun** form. Here are some examples:

Suggestions (infinitive form)	Suggestions (-ing or noun form)
Why don't (subject)...? Shall (subject)...? Let's... I suggest (subject)... Examples: Why don't we visit a museum? Shall we have a picnic? Let's meet at the cinema. I suggest we arrive early.	What about...? How about...? I suggest... I recommend... Examples: What about visiting a museum? How about a picnic ? I suggest meeting at 4 o'clock. I recommend taking a taxi.

A. Complete the suggestions with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- Why don't we (have) a picnic?
- I suggest (go) for a run on the beach.
- Shall we (visit) a museum?
- Let's (book) a hotel near the beach.
- How about (have) a massage?
- I suggest we (go) to Spain in the summer.
- What about (take) a group tour?
- I recommend (try) that Mexican restaurant.



B. Write the phrases for saying yes or no to a suggestion in the correct category.

I'd rather not.	I'd love to!
That sounds good/great.	I'm sorry, I don't think I want to.
Yeah, sure.	That's a good/great idea!
Unfortunately, I can't.	I wish I could, but...

Saying yes	Saying no

C. Fill in the gaps in the suggestions dialogue. Use one word in each space.

A: I'm so excited to be on holiday in Barcelona. Why don't we (1) shopping in the city center?

B: That sounds (2) After shopping, (3) about going surfing?

A: No, I'd (4) not. I don't like surfing. I (5) relaxing on the beach instead?

B: Yes, that's a (6) idea. And for dinner, (7) go to a traditional Spanish restaurant.

A: I'd (8) to. (9) we look online for a good restaurant?

B: Yeah, (10)