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Pre-task #1: Vocabulary in context

Read the following prompts using the words from the box.

accept - agree - appreciate -
attend - confirm - decline - join -
participate - RSVP - thanks



1.
A: Are you free to come to the meeting on Friday?
B: I need to check my schedule, but I think I can _____.
2.
A: We're organizing a clean-up event at the park. Would you like to _____?
B: Sure! I'd love to help out.
3.
A: I just wanted to say _____ for inviting me to your party.
B: You're welcome! I hope you had fun.
4.
A: Please don't forget to _____ by Wednesday so we can plan the food.
B: Of course. I'll let you know tonight.
5.
A: Can you _____ that you'll be there on time?
B: Yes, I'll be there by 6:00 sharp.
6.
A: Would you like to _____ us for dinner tomorrow?
B: I'd love to! What time should I come?
7.
A: I really _____ your help with the event.
B: It was my pleasure!
8.
A: I'm sorry, but I have to _____ the invitation.
B: No problem, maybe next time.
9.
A: If we all _____ on the plan, we can send out the invitations.
B: I think it looks good. Let's go ahead.
10.
A: I'd like to offer you a spot on the planning committee. Will you _____ the invitation?
B: Yes, I'd be happy to help. Thank you!

Pre-task #2: Phrasal Verbs (A)

A. Look at the following pictures and then match them with their corresponding phrasal verb. There is one extra phrasal verb.



- _____ **back up** – to support someone/something; to agree with; to make a copy of data.
- _____ **break in on** – to interrupt a conversation or activity.
- _____ **bring up** – to start talking about a topic.
- _____ **carry on** – to continue doing something.
- _____ **come up with** – to think of or create something (idea, plan, etc.).
- _____ **fill (someone) in on (something)** – to give someone details or update them.
- _____ **kick around** – to casually discuss or consider something.
- _____ **let (someone) in on (something)** – to share a secret or private information.
- _____ **occur to** – to come to mind suddenly.
- _____ **pop up** – to appear suddenly or unexpectedly.

Many of the students in the literature club were feeling disconnected lately. They hadn't done anything fun together in a while, and their meetings were starting to feel dull. A group of them decided to have a casual hangout at Sam's house. They wanted to **kick around** some ideas for group activities that could bring everyone closer together. First, they figured they should chat informally before **bringing it up** at the next club meeting.

"We have to **come up with** a fun list of things to do," said Sam as he opened the discussion.

"We should do a game night!" **broke in** Maya excitedly.

"Or a weekend picnic!" shouted Leo.

"How about karaoke?" said Jessie with a grin.

"It **occurred to me** that we might want to plan something a bit bigger, like a weekend retreat," said Sam. "I talked to my cousin who's great at organizing events. He **filled me in on** how to keep things affordable and fun."

"Let us **in on** the tips!" shouted Leo from across the room.

"Well, if you'll let me **carry on**, I'll tell you!" Sam replied, smiling.

Sam explained that his cousin suggested pooling resources, assigning roles, and keeping plans flexible. "It'll help us make sure everyone has a good time," Sam continued.

"We just need people to **RSVP** early so we know how many are planning to **attend**."

"I'd love to **join** the retreat idea," said Maya. "That sounds great!"

"Count me **in** for the karaoke night," said Jessie. "I **appreciate** that we're finally planning something fun together."

Leo raised his hand. "Actually... **thanks, but I can't** make it to a weekend retreat. I have something else going on that weekend. **Maybe next time.**"

"No worries," Sam said. "Just make sure to **confirm** or **decline** when we send the invitation so we can plan ahead."

"What if too many ideas **pop up** and we can't agree?" asked Jess.

Sam nodded. He admitted that planning as a group could get a bit messy, but said that if they took turns leading each event, it would be fair. "We'll just ask people to vote, then **agree** on the top idea. Everyone who wants to **participate** can help organize it."

Everyone finally agreed to send out a poll and make a shared calendar. Sam offered to write the group message and send it to the rest of the club.

"Just don't forget to ask everyone to **RSVP**," said Leo, "and include a big **thanks** at the end!"

1. Why did the students **kick around** some new ideas at Sam's house?
a) Because they casually discussed possible ideas for group activities
b) Because they formally voted on final decisions for club events
2. What group activity did they want to **bring up** at the next club meeting?
a) Plans for changing the leadership structure of the club
b) Ideas for making future meetings more enjoyable and engaging
3. What did Sam suggest they should **come up with** before planning anything big?
a) A detailed timetable for all club meetings in the semester
b) A simple list of possible activities they could all discuss
4. Who **broke in with** the idea of a game night?
a) Jessie
b) Maya
5. What did Jessie say when she wanted to join the karaoke plan?
a) "I'd prefer to organize a different type of event."
b) "Count me in for the karaoke night."
6. What occurred to Sam when thinking about something bigger than a picnic?
a) The idea of organizing a larger weekend retreat
b) The idea of replacing small activities with competitions
7. What did Leo shout when he wanted Sam to let them in on the organizing tips?
a) "Don't stop explaining the rules!"
b) "Let us in on the tips!"
8. How did Sam respond when Leo interrupted him while he was trying to carry on?
a) He immediately changed the topic to avoid confusion
b) He asked Leo to let him continue speaking before explaining further
9. What reason did Leo give when he decided to decline the weekend retreat invitation?
a) He was unsure about the location of the retreat
b) He had another commitment planned for the same weekend
10. How did Sam suggest people should confirm or decline their attendance?
a) By waiting until the final day before making a decision
b) By replying early so the group could plan accordingly
11. What concern did Jess raise when she thought too many ideas might pop up?
a) That it might become difficult for the group to agree on one idea
b) That the group might not have enough time to meet again
12. What solution did Sam offer so that everyone could agree on which activity to plan?
a) To allow each person to plan a separate individual activity
b) To vote on ideas and choose the most popular option
13. Who said, "That sounds great!" to show they would accept the invitation?
a) Leo
b) Maya
14. Who said, "Maybe next time," and why?
a) Sam, because he wanted to delay planning the event
b) Leo, because he could not attend the weekend retreat
15. Why did Sam say people should RSVP, and what did Leo remind him to include at the end?
a) To decide which activity would win, and to include final instructions for the trip
b) To confirm attendance for planning numbers, and to include a thank-you message