

## 12D Would you like to come?

1 Match pictures a–d with the events in the box. What other types of parties can you think of?

a housewarming party a dinner party a wedding reception an office party



2 Look at the party invitation below. Why are Amy and Will having a party?

### Amy and Will are having a going-away party

*We'd love you to join us as we say  
"Goodbye U.S." and "Hello Australia!"*

When: Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Where: 17 Park Avenue  
Children are welcome. No presents please.  
RSVP: amyj81@net.com or 917-555-2392.



3 Now read three replies. Who is going to go to the party? Who can't go?



Dear Amy and Will,  
Thanks so much for the invitation.  
I'm really sorry, but we can't make  
it because we're on vacation then.  
Hope you have a great time, and  
good luck in Australia! Keep in  
touch. We'd love to come and visit  
you!  
Best wishes,  
Kate and Ian xx



Hi Amy, hi Will,  
Thank you for the invitation. We'd  
love to come to the party, and both  
of the kids would love to come,  
too! We can't wait to see you.  
Lots of love,  
Ed and Fiona



Dear Amy and Will,  
Thanks very much for the invitation.  
I can definitely make it. I'm  
probably going to be a bit late as  
I'm going to drive back from Boston  
that day. Can I bring anything?  
Food? Something to drink?  
All the best,  
Jim



## Skill writing and replying to an invitation

When you write an invitation, say what sort of party it is, where it is, what time it starts, and the date.

Give people your contact details:

*We're having a (going-away) party.*

*Hope you can come. / Hope you can make it.*

*Please reply. / RSVP (from the French expression: *répondez s'il vous plaît*)*

When you reply, thank the person who has invited you, and accept or decline the invitation.

If you decline, explain why you can't come:

*I'd love to come.*

*I'd love to come, but ... / I'm really sorry, but we can't come.*

## 4 A Read the Skill box. Then read the invitation and replies again, and answer the questions.

- 1 Which of the phrases do Amy and Will use?
- 2 Find another phrase to invite someone to a party.
- 3 Find another phrase for accepting an invitation.
- 4 Find another phrase for declining an invitation.

B Rewrite the replies. Use phrases from the Skill box.

a

Hi Amy and Will,

I can't come. ~~⑧~~ Exam that day.

George

b

Amy, Will,

Thanks. See you on the 2nd.

Jess and Matt

Text builder articles: *a/an, the, or no article*

We use *a/an* before singular nouns when we talk about a person or thing for the first time:

*Amy and Will are having a going-away party.*

We use *the* if we have already mentioned the person or thing:

*We'd love to come to ~~the~~ party.*

We use no article when we talk about things in general:

*I love parties!*

5 Read the Text builder and complete the sentences with *a/an, the, or –* (no article).

**Lucy** I moved into <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ new apartment last week, and I'm having <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ housewarming party next Friday. Would you like to come?

**Joe** I'd love to! What time's <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ party?

**Lucy** It's at eight o'clock. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ apartment is 12A, Lancaster Street.

**Joe** Great. Do you like <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cake?

**Lucy** Yes! Especially chocolate cake.

**Joe** Great. I can make <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ orange and chocolate cake for the party.

6 A **PREPARE** Choose a type of party from exercise 1 or use your own ideas. Plan the details of your party.

B **PRACTICE** Write an invitation to your event. Then exchange it with a partner and write two replies: one accepting and one declining the invitation. Use information and phrases from the Skill box and exercise 3 on page 108.

C **PERSONAL BEST** Read your partner's replies to your invitation. Do they use phrases from the Skill box? Do they use articles correctly? Which reply is better and why?