

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 2nd, 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 invita-
tion. 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.

- Which of the phrases do Amy and Will use?
- Find another phrase to invite someone to a party.
- Find another phrase for accepting an invitation.
- 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. ☹ 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 ¹_____ new apartment last week, and I'm having ²_____ housewarming party next Friday. Would you like to come?

Joe I'd love to! What time's ³_____ party?

Lucy It's at eight o'clock. ⁴_____ apartment is 12A, Lancaster Street.

Joe Great. Do you like ⁵_____ cake?

Lucy Yes! Especially chocolate cake.

Joe Great. I can make ⁶_____ 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?