94 Invitations and suggestions

A Inviting people

Inviting	Saying yes
Would you like to … **Do you want to …** **go out for** a meal / a drink? **come round** for a coffee? come to a **party**?	**Yes, great!** **Yeah, I'd love to!** **That sounds** lovely/fun/good. **That would be** lovely/nice.
Saying no	
I'd love to, but I'm going to the cinema. **I'm sorry, but** I'm **busy**. **I'm afraid I can't.**	

GLOSSARY

invite	ask sb to come to a party, your house, etc. **invitation** *n*
Would you like to …?	= **Do you want to …?** (**Would you like to** is a bit more polite.)
go out for (a meal/drink)	go to a restaurant or a café/bar
come round	visit a person at their house, often near your house
party	a time when friends meet to eat, drink, dance, etc.
great	very good SYNS **lovely/wonderful**
I'd love to	= I want to very much; **I'd** = I would ALSO **That would be lovely. / That sounds lovely.**
busy	If you're **busy**, you have a lot of things to do.
I'm afraid I can't	= I'm sorry, (but) I can't (NOT ~~*I'm afraid but I can't.*~~)

1 Are the underlined sounds the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ meal / great D

1 love / wonderful .....
2 would / sound .....
3 sorry / come .....
4 afraid / great .....
5 yeah / there .....
6 busy / but .....

2 One word is missing in each sentence. What is it, and where does it go?

▶ Do you / to go out later? want

1 Would you to come round later? .....
2 Yes, I'd love. .....
3 Do you want to out for dinner? .....
4 That lovely. .....
5 I've just got an to a party. .....
6 I'm afraid can't. .....
7 That be nice. .....
8 Do you want come to a party? .....
9 I'm, but I'm busy tonight. .....
10 Ben me to lunch on Saturday. .....

3 Complete the questions and answers.

▶ Invite someone for a drink in a bar. Do you want to go out for a drink?
Say yes. That would be lovely.

1 Invite a friend for a meal in a restaurant. Would ..... ?
Say yes. Yes, g..... !

2 Invite a friend to your home for a coffee. Do ..... ?
Say no politely. I'm a..... .

3 Invite someone to a party tomorrow. Would ..... ?
Say yes. Yes, that s..... .

4 Invite someone for a coffee in a café. Do ..... ?
Say no politely. I'd ....., but ..... gym.

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B Making suggestions

ask for a suggestion	What **shall we** do / Where **shall we** go } this weekend?		
make a suggestion	**Shall we** go to the beach? **Maybe we could** go out for a meal.	**What about going** to an art gallery? **Let's** go out for a drink.	
say 'yes'	Yes, **(that's a) good/great idea!** Yeah, **let's do that.** **OK, fine.**	**say 'no', or make another suggestion**	**I'm not sure** (about that). I think **I'd prefer to** stay at home. Yeah, or **perhaps we could** go to the mountains.

GLOSSARY

suggestion	an idea that sb gives you to think about **suggest** *v*
maybe	possibly SYN **perhaps**
that's a great idea	= that's a very good plan
prefer to do sth	like to do one thing more than another

4 Put the dialogues in order. Write the numbers in the boxes.

dialogue 1

- [ ] I'd prefer to get them at the station.
- [ ] The weather's nice, so
- [ ] Yes, that's a good idea.
- [1] What shall we do this weekend?
- [ ] And maybe we could take the train.
- [ ] Fine. Shall we get the tickets online?
- [ ] what about going to the beach?

dialogue 2

- [ ] But it's going to rain.
- [ ] I think I'd prefer to go out.
- [ ] OK, fine.
- [ ] What about a nice meal at home?
- [ ] OK, then let's order a pizza.
- [ ] Where shall we go tomorrow?

5 Correct the mistakes.

▶ We could to have a party this weekend. We could have a party this weekend.
1 What do we do this evening? .....
2 Do you have a suggest? .....
3 What about go to see a film? .....
4 I'd prefer go by train. .....
5 Yes, is a good idea. .....
6 Where we shall go tomorrow? .....

6 Write in a word where there is a /.

1 ▶ A What / we do / evening? What shall we do this evening?
B What / going / the theatre? .....
A I'm / sure / that. .....
2 A What / we / on Saturday? .....
B Perhaps we / go out for a meal. .....
A OK, let's / that. .....
3 A Where / we go / afternoon? .....
B / go to a museum. .....
A Yeah, / 's a good / . .....

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