

44 Socializing

A Organizing a party

- The host is expected to do most of the **preparation**, such as providing food and drink. This can be expensive and **time-consuming**, so consider asking others to make a **contribution** and bring something.
- You don't want the **prospect** of too much to **clear up**, so consider **disposable** plates and cutlery, which can be recycled after use.
- Don't advertise it on the internet **beforehand**. You don't want **gatecrashers**.
- Parties take a while to **get going**. Music or party games will **liven** things up.
- Finally, don't **get carried away**. You're planning a party, not a theme park.

GLOSSARY

host	a person who invites guests to a meal, a party, etc. Hostess can be used for a woman.
preparation	the act or process of getting ready for sth or making sth ready
time-consuming	needing a lot of time: a time-consuming process
contribution	sth that you give or do to help sth be successful: make a contribution (to sth); contribute v
prospect	the possibility that sth will happen
clear (sth) up	make sth clean and neat, often by putting things back where they belong
disposable	made to be thrown away after single use
beforehand	before sth else happens or is done
gatecrasher	sb who tries to get into a party without an invitation
get going	(of a party or event) start to become enjoyable
liven (sth) up	become or make sth more exciting
get carried away	become too excited or lose control of your feelings

1 Underline the stress on these words. Use the to help you.

time-consuming
contribute

contribution
disposable

beforehand
gatecrasher

get going
liven up

2 Complete the dialogues with a suitable word.

- Whose party is it? ~ Paula and Stefano are the
- Can we throw these plates away? ~ Yes, they're
- Can we spend what we like on the party? ~ Yes, but don't get carried!
- Did this take long? ~ Yes, it was very
- Why didn't you tell me Will was going to be there? ~ I didn't know
- Why did you turn up the music? ~ To things up a bit.
- Did people help out at the party with the food? ~ Yes, everyone made a
- I wouldn't like the of organizing a wedding ~ Oh, it's ok as long as there are other people to help.

3 Complete the words in the text.

... and the party was great! There was lots of food, but I think Lia did most of the (1) (2) , so she still had time to enjoy herself. And most of the guests (3) something, either by bringing a bottle of something, or some food. She also put a couple of big guys near the door to stop (4) , which was sensible. It was quiet to start with, but it soon got (5) , and when the disco started, things really (6) I imagine there was a lot to (7) the next day, but I hope Lia thought it was worth it.

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4 ABOUT YOU What do you think of the advice in the text? Is there anything that would be unusual or unacceptable in your country? Write your answers, or ask another student.



B In other people's company

Shall we pop round and see Gina?

Yes, she may fancy a bit of company.

It's been lovely, Ela, but we'd better be off.

Is Aaron a bit awkward in company?

Mm. I don't think he enjoys socializing.

That's ok. It was really good of you to come.

SPOTLIGHT company [U]

- *I enjoy company.* (= being with other people)
- *She's good company.* (= enjoyable to be with)
- *They enjoy their own company.* (= being by themselves)
- *He's not very good in company.* (= with other people)
- *I'll accompany you.* (formal = go with you)

You always get a warm welcome at Laura's.

Yes, we have a good laugh whenever we go there.

GLOSSARY

pop round/over/in inf	make a short visit to a person or place SYN call round, call on sb	be off	leave a place: <i>I must be off. / I'd better be off.</i>
fancy sth / doing sth inf	want sth or want to do sth	good of sb (to do sth)	willing to help; showing kindness to other people
awkward	embarrassed or not relaxed with other people	warm welcome	If sb gives you a warm welcome or welcomes you with open arms , you feel relaxed in their home: welcome v, adj: make sb feel welcome
socialize (with sb)	meet and spend time with people in a friendly way	have a (good) laugh	enjoy the occasion SYN have a good/great time
you, etc. had better do sth	you should do sth		

5 Rewrite the sentences without using the underlined words. Keep the same meaning.

- 1 She's not very good with other people. She's not very good
- 2 What would you like to do? What do
- 3 We always enjoy the occasion. We always have
- 4 I think I should leave now. I think I'd
- 5 He's very uncomfortable with people. He's very
- 6 She made me feel relaxed in her home. She gave me a very
- 7 I think he likes being by himself. I think he likes his
- 8 Someone will go with you. Someone will
- 9 Did you feel relaxed at her place? Did she make you
- 10 We'll make a short visit a bit later. ~ We'll a bit later.

6 Complete the dialogues with a suitable word or phrase.

- 1 She is always nice to be with. ~ Yes, she is. She's very
- 2 Where have you been? ~ We just round to see Charlotte.
- 3 Was your dad there? ~ Of course. He was at the door to us.
- 4 He doesn't like being with people much, does he? ~ No, he prefers his
- 5 Max stays in a lot these days. ~ I know. He doesn't as much as he used to.
- 6 Did Miles move your stuff? ~ Yes, it was very to help.
- 7 Do you prefer being on your own? ~ Not at all. I enjoy , you know that.
- 8 Were the locals friendly when you moved in? ~ Oh yes, they welcomed us with
- 9 Do you want to round tonight on your way home? ~ Yes, that would be great.
- 10 We must now, but it was great seeing you. ~ You too. Have a good trip.

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