

# 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

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

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## 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.

You always get a **warm welcome** at Laura's.

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

### 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)

### GLOSSARY

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