

## Invitations

1. Lety has not seen her best friend since last weekend. She calls to invite him to eat out. Complete the sentences using: **want to eat out, would like to go there, want to order.**

**Lety:** Hello! Is Alex there?

**Alex:** Hi, this is Alex. What a nice surprise!

**Lety:** I wonder if you \_\_\_\_\_ tonight, I know an excellent restaurant very close to your place.

**Alex:** Yes, of course. I \_\_\_\_\_ there with you! Get ready, I'll be there in one hour.

**Lety:** I'll be waiting for you, Alex. I \_\_\_\_\_ their specialty.

**Alex:** Me too, I'm starving. See you in one hour!



2. Read next dialogue and change the underlined sentences into negative form.

Lety and Alex are in a restaurant. The waiter arrives and they start to order.

**Waiter:** Good night, lady and gentleman. Would you like to order right now?

**Lety:** Sure. I want to have your specialty, clam chowder soup, and a baked potato with broccoli.

**Alex:** I would like to have the same soup, but I want a T-bone steak with smashed potatoes, please!

**Waiter:** What term would you like to have your steak, sir?

**Alex:** I want it medium term, please!

**Waiter:** Do you want to order any drinks?

**Lety:** I want to have a lemon soda, please.

**Alex:** Me too, I would like to have the same.

**Waiter:** I will be back soon with your order.



Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I would love to come I'd love to. What time?	I would love to come but I can't.
Thank you! That sounds great! Great! Thanks. I'm free. That sounds good!	Thanks but I have to say "No!"
Sure, that would be fine. Sure, that's good.	Sorry, I'm busy then. Sorry, but I have to go to work.
Great! Thank you? May I bring something?	Sorry, I have to .....



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- Can you come to the movies tonight?
- Could you come for lunch on Wednesday?
- Would you like to come to a barbecue next on Saturday?
- Would you like to come for a walk with me?
- Could you study English with me on Thursday?
- Would you like to help me do my laundry and wash my car this afternoon?
- Can you come for dinner at a restaurant on tomorrow evening?
- Can you \_\_\_\_\_

# Accepting and Declining an Invitation

1. Which of the following answer is NOT appropriate?

A: Wanna come over for dinner tonight?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ? Sure. What time?
2. ? Why not? When should I be there?
3. ? Why?

2. Which of the following answer is NOT appropriate?

A: Want to come over for a quick meal tonight?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ? No.
2. ? I'd love to, but I have an appointment.
3. ? I'm busy tonight. Can I take a raincheck?

3. Which of the following answer is NOT appropriate?

A: My husband and I were wondering if you'd like to come over for dinner this Saturday.

B: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ? Thank you very much! I'd be delighted to.
2. ? I'd love to, but I'm afraid I'm busy this Saturday.
3. ? I don't go out on Saturdays.

4. Which of the following answer is NOT appropriate?

A: Would you care to join us for dinner tonight?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ? Yes, I would.
2. ? Thank you. I'd love to.
3. ? I'm sorry but I already have plans tonight.

5. Which of the following answer is NOT appropriate?

A: Tonight is no good. Can I take a raincheck?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ? OK. No problem.
2. ? Sure. Let's do it some other time.
3. ? No, you can't.

6. Which of the following answer is NOT appropriate?

A: Do you want me to bring something?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ? No, just bring yourself.
2. ? Why? You don't like my cooking?
3. ? OK, bring some dessert if you want.

**Inviting someone to a birthday party.**

**Listen to the dialogue below. Then choose the correct reply.**

- Hey there, how are you? Good to see you!
- Hi, you, too. How is it going?
  - Thanks, you too. I'm great and you?
  - Good to see you, too. I'm fine, how are you?
- Good, thanks. Listen, I am having a birthday party next Friday. Do you want to come?
- Yes, thank you. What time?
  - Sure, I'd love to!
  - Yes, why not.
- Great! The party starts around 9 pm at my place.
- Okay, I could probably only make it at 10.
  - Okay, I'll be there. What do you want for your birthday?
  - All right. What do you want as a present?
- Oh no presents, please. Just bring something to drink, that would be great.
- Sure, I'll do that. Can I bring my boyfriend, too?
  - Right. Can my boyfriend come?
  - Okay, no problem. I can come with my boyfriend, can't I?
- Of course! So I'll see you two on Friday!
- All right. See you.
  - Yeah. Can't wait!
  - Yes, thanks for the invitation!
- I'm glad you can come! See you soon.
- Bye!
  - See you.
  - Take care.

# Invitation

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Dear Ann,

We moved into our new home a few days ago, and I would like to invite you to a celebration dinner here at 7pm on March 4th. Please ring me on 0438862245 to let me know if you are able to come. I look forward to showing you round the house, and introducing you to some of my other friends.

Yours sincerely

Sara Johnson

Answer the following questions to show you understand the text.

1. What is the purpose of the text? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who wrote the text? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who is it written to? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is Ann invited to? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When is it? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Where is it? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why does she have to ring Sara? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. When was the text written? \_\_\_\_\_

# How to Invite Someone: A Five-Step Guide

Study the following Guide and examples, then pick a card and act out the situation with a partner.

## Step 1

When you want to invite someone, you'd better ask them whether they are interested in your suggestion. It seems a good idea to find out about their interests because you can be disappointed easily: e.g. it is not worth the time and effort to invite a vegetarian to a sausage dinner. Some suggestions for starting:

- Have you seen the new exhibition at the art gallery?
- Have you been to the new Chinese restaurant in the main street?
- Do you like swimming?
- Can you play chess?
- Are you interested in techno music?

## Step 2

If you get a positive response, you should ask them whether they are free at a particular time. Why waste your time offering a ticket to a Saturday night concert to someone who has planned to do something else on that night.

- Are you doing anything on Saturday night?
- Are you free tomorrow evening?
- Have you got any plans for the weekend?
- What are your plans for Friday afternoon?
- Are you planning to do anything in the morning?
- What are you going to do on Tuesday morning?

## Step 3

Hopefully they haven't got any plans, so now you can come up with that brilliant idea of yours and invite them:

- Would you like to see the exhibition of modern arts?
- Do you fancy having lunch there and going shopping afterwards?
- What about going for a swim in the afternoon?
- How about meeting up after school?
- Shall we play chess on Saturday evening?
- Let's go to a concert at the weekend.
- Why don't we go out tonight?

## Step 4

Even after being so tentative you can expect two kinds of responses:

### Accepting an Invitation

- Yes, I'd love to.
- That sounds a great idea.
- Yes, let's.
- OK, let's.
- I wouldn't miss it for anything.

### Refusing an Invitation

- Sorry I can't. You know I have a headache.
- I can't I'm afraid. You see I feel tired.
- I'd rather not. In fact, I'm on a diet.
- That sounds great but I can't because .....
- I'm really sorry but I can't make it because ...

## Step 5

If your invitation has been rejected you can go on suggesting another time or another activity by returning to Step 1, or you can give up and say something like:

If you are lucky enough and they have accepted your invitation, just go on to fix a date (time, place):

- Great! Let's meet at 4 at my place.
- Cool! I'll pick you up after school.
- When and where shall we meet?
- What about meeting at 8 outside the club?

- What a pity! Another time perhaps.
- I'm so sorry. It would have been so good to spend some time together.
- Then I have to ask someone else.

# Role Play Cards

**A:** You have got two tickets to a rock concert on Friday night. Invite B.

**B:** You have an important exam on Monday and would like to revise for it the whole weekend, but you are a great rock fan

**A:** You want to spend a day out with B. You don't give up easily and won't take 'NO' as an answer.

**B:** You are very busy, and you don't really like A's company. Come up with different reasons why you refuse A's invitation.

**A:** You are giving a birthday party at 6 pm on Saturday and invite B.

**B:** You must visit your grandma at the hospital, but you don't want to miss the party. Promise to be at the party later.

**A:** You have bought a new house and want to invite B to see it.

**B:** You go on holiday for two weeks but promise to visit A when you get back.

**A:** You want to go clubbing at the weekend. Invite B.

**B:** You have just passed your exams and you don't want to stay at home. You don't like clubbing

**A:** You have been to Africa and taken lots of photos. You would like to show them to B.

**B:** You are crazy about African wild life but you are down with the flu.

**A:** You want to eat out. There is a new Thai restaurant in your town. Invite B for dinner.

**B:** You have never eaten Thai food but you like tasting new dishes. You are free on Monday evening.

**A:** You are planning a two-day trip to the mountains. It costs 50 euros. Invite B to join you.

**B:** You are a hobby mountaineer but you are absolutely broke.

**A:** You would like to go to the new theme park with B at the weekend. You offer to pay B's ticket.

**B:** You think that theme parks are for children and you have other plans for the weekend.

**A:** You want to have a picnic in the park because the weather is gorgeous, and the park is full of beautiful flowers.

**B:** You like picnicking but you are allergic to pollens.

**A:** You want to cook a special Hungarian dish called 'Beef Goulash'. Invite B for dinner to your place.

**B:** You are a vegan.

**A:** You are playing the lead in a musical and want to invite B to watch the show.

**B:** You don't like musicals but you don't want to hurt A.

**A:** You want to buy a new dress for a special party. Invite B to go shopping with you in the afternoon and help you choose the best.

**B:** You are crazy about shopping, but you have an appointment at your dentist.

**A:** You feel a bit under the weather and would like to talk about your problems over a cup of coffee. Invite B to a café.

**B:** You have a lot of homework to do, at the same time you would like to help A.