4.8 SPEAKING

Making suggestions

1 Translate the phrases into your own language.

SPEAKING BANK

Making suggestions

Do you fancy (going) ...? _____

Let's (go) ... _____

How about (going) ...? _____

We could (go) ... _____

(I think) we should (go) ... _____

Why don't we (go) ...? _____

Agreeing with suggestions

(That's a) good/great idea! _____

(That) sounds good/great! _____

Why not! _____

Disagreeing with suggestions

(I'm sorry) I'm not keen on ... _____

I don't really like ... _____

I'd rather (go) ... _____

I'm not sure about that. _____

Let's (go) ... instead. _____

2 Choose the correct responses.

1 I think we should stop for a break. We've already walked for hours.
I'd rather keep going. / That sounds good. My feet hurt and I'm thirsty.

2 Let's go ice skating. I haven't done it for years.
Why not! / I'm sorry, I'm not keen on ice skating. Can we get the bus there?

3 What about visiting Grandma this weekend?
I'm not sure about that. / Good idea! I've got lots of homework to do and I'm going to a party.

4 Do you fancy having a BBQ in the garden?
Let's get a Chinese takeaway instead. / Sounds great. Have we got any sausages?

5 Why don't we invite Naomi to the party?
I don't really like Naomi. / That's a great idea. She's so arrogant.

6 How about going to the school disco with me?
Great idea! / I'd rather go on my own. Sorry.

3 Complete the suggestions with the infinitive or *-ing* form of the verbs in brackets. Then match the suggestions with replies a–f.

Why don't we go (go) out for dinner tonight? [g]

1 Let's _____ (fly) to Spain and have a few days in the sun. There are cheap flights at the moment. [ ]

2 How about _____ (sit) down for ten minutes? I need a rest. [ ]

3 We could _____ (do) our homework together. You could help me. [ ]

4 I think we should _____ (camp). It's cheaper than staying in a hotel. [ ]

5 Do you fancy _____ (cook) fish tonight? We should have something healthy. [ ]

6 What about _____ (buy) Dan a book for his birthday? [ ]

a To be honest, I'd rather have steak.

d That sounds great. There are some seats over there. Do you want a coffee?

e I'm sorry, I'm not keen on sleeping outside. We could look for a cheap hostel.

f We went there last year. Let's go to Croatia instead.

g I'm not sure about that. We've already eaten out twice this week.

4 Complete the dialogue. The first letters are given.

Lydia: I can't believe I didn't win the swimming, Sophie. All that training and I was only fifth!

Sophie: Don't worry, Lydia. There'll be other races. **Why don't** we do something fun to cheer you up? [1]**W**_____ **a**_____ going for ice cream?

Lydia: [2]I don't **r**_____ like ice cream. I'd [3]**r**_____ go shopping.

Sophie: [4]**T**_____ a good **i**_____. I need something new to wear for the party on Saturday.

Lydia: [5]**D**_____ you **f**_____ going to the new shopping centre? There are sales at the moment, I think.

Sophie: [6]**W**_____ **n**_____? – and then we [7]**c**_____ go for a pizza or something.

Lydia: [8]**T**_____ **s**_____ great. Thanks, Sophie.

Sophie: My pleasure. Really! Let's get going then.

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