

SPEAKING

4.8

Making suggestions

1 Translate the phrases into your own language.

SPEAKING BANK

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Do you fancy (going) ...?

Let's (go) ...

How about (going) ...?

We could (go) ...

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

What about (going) ...?

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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b That's a good idea. I am better at Maths than you.

c Why not! Has he read the new J.K. Rowling novel?

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. **W**hy **d**on't we do something fun to cheer you up? **W**h**a****l****l** going for ice cream?

Lydia: **I** don't **r****e****l****e****a****u****l****l** like ice cream. I'd **3****r****u****nn****g** go shopping.

Sophie: **T****h****e****re** a good **i****de****a****l**. I need something new to wear for the party on Saturday.

Lydia: **D****o****u****t****h****e****re** you **f****or****e****st** going to the new shopping centre? There are sales at the moment, I think.

Sophie: **W****h****e****re** **n****ext**? – and then we **7****c****o****u****nt****o****u****n****g** go for a pizza or something.

Lydia: **T****h****e****re** **s****o****u****n****u****l****l** great. Thanks, Sophie.

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

