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Pre-task #1: Vocabulary in context

Read the following prompts using the words from the box.

accept - agree - appreciate - attend - confirm - decline - join - participate - RSVP - thanks



- A: Are you free to come to the meeting on Friday?
B: I need to check my schedule, but I think I can _____.
- A: We're organizing a clean-up event at the park. Would you like to _____?
B: Sure! I'd love to help out.
- A: I just wanted to say _____ for inviting me to your party.
B: You're welcome! I hope you had fun.
- A: Please don't forget to _____ by Wednesday so we can plan the food.
B: Of course. I'll let you know tonight.
- A: Can you _____ that you'll be there on time?
B: Yes, I'll be there by 6:00 sharp.
- A: Would you like to _____ us for dinner tomorrow?
B: I'd love to! What time should I come?
- A: I really _____ your help with the event.
B: It was my pleasure!
- A: I'm sorry, but I have to _____ the invitation.
B: No problem, maybe next time.
- A: If we all _____ on the plan, we can send out the invitations.
B: I think it looks good. Let's go ahead.
- A: I'd like to offer you a spot on the planning committee. Will you _____ the invitation?
B: Yes, I'd be happy to help. Thank you!

Pre-task #2: Phrasal Verbs (A)

A. Look at the following pictures and then match them with their corresponding phrasal verb. There is one extra phrasal verb.



- _____ **back up** – to support someone/something; to agree with; to make a copy of data.
- _____ **break in on** – to interrupt a conversation or activity.
- _____ **bring up** – to start talking about a topic.
- _____ **carry on** – to continue doing something.
- _____ **come up with** – to think of or create something (idea, plan, etc.).
- _____ **fill (someone) in on (something)** – to give someone details or update them.
- _____ **kick around** – to casually discuss or consider something.
- _____ **let (someone) in on (something)** – to share a secret or private information.
- _____ **occur to** – to come to mind suddenly.
- _____ **pop up** – to appear suddenly or unexpectedly.

Many of the students in the literature club were feeling disconnected lately. They hadn't done anything fun together in a while, and their meetings were starting to feel dull. A group of them decided to have a casual hangout at Sam's house. They wanted to **kick around** some ideas for group activities that could bring everyone closer together. First, they figured they should chat informally before **bringing it up** at the next club meeting.

"We have to **come up with** a fun list of things to do," said Sam as he opened the discussion.

"We should do a game night!" **broke in** Maya excitedly.

"Or a weekend picnic!" shouted Leo.

"How about karaoke?" said Jessie with a grin.

"It **occurred to me** that we might want to plan something a bit bigger, like a weekend retreat," said Sam. "I talked to my cousin who's great at organizing events. He **filled me in on** how to keep things affordable and fun."

"Let us **in on** the tips!" shouted Leo from across the room.

"Well, if you'll let me **carry on**, I'll tell you!" Sam replied, smiling.

Sam explained that his cousin suggested pooling resources, assigning roles, and keeping plans flexible. "It'll help us make sure everyone has a good time," Sam continued.

"We just need people to **RSVP** early so we know how many are planning to **attend**."

"I'd love to **join** the retreat idea," said Maya. "That sounds great!"

"**Count me in** for the karaoke night," said Jessie. "I **appreciate** that we're finally planning something fun together."

Leo raised his hand. "Actually... **thanks, but I can't** make it to a weekend retreat. I have something else going on that weekend. **Maybe next time**."

"No worries," Sam said. "Just make sure to **confirm** or **decline** when we send the invitation so we can plan ahead."

"What if too many ideas **pop up** and we can't agree?" asked Jess.

Sam nodded. He admitted that planning as a group could get a bit messy, but said that if they took turns leading each event, it would be fair. "We'll just ask people to vote, then **agree** on the top idea. Everyone who wants to **participate** can help organize it."

Everyone finally agreed to send out a poll and make a shared calendar. Sam offered to write the group message and send it to the rest of the club.

"Just don't forget to ask everyone to **RSVP**," said Leo, "and include a big **thanks** at the end!"

- Why did the students **kick around** some new ideas at Sam's house?
 - Because they casually discussed possible ideas for group activities
 - Because they formally voted on final decisions for club events
- What group activity did they want to **bring up** at the next club meeting?
 - Plans for changing the leadership structure of the club
 - Ideas for making future meetings more enjoyable and engaging
- What did Sam suggest they should **come up with** before planning anything big?
 - A detailed timetable for all club meetings in the semester
 - A simple list of possible activities they could all discuss
- Who **broke in with** the idea of a game night?
 - Jessie
 - Maya
- What did Jessie say when she wanted to join the karaoke plan?
 - "I'd prefer to organize a different type of event."
 - "Count me in for the karaoke night."
- What occurred to Sam when thinking about something bigger than a picnic?
 - The idea of organizing a larger weekend retreat
 - The idea of replacing small activities with competitions
- What did Leo shout when he wanted Sam to let them in on the organizing tips?
 - "Don't stop explaining the rules!"
 - "Let us in on the tips!"
- How did Sam respond when Leo interrupted him while he was trying to carry on?
 - He immediately changed the topic to avoid confusion
 - He asked Leo to let him continue speaking before explaining further
- What reason did Leo give when he decided to decline the weekend retreat invitation?
 - He was unsure about the location of the retreat
 - He had another commitment planned for the same weekend
- How did Sam suggest people should confirm or decline their attendance?
 - By waiting until the final day before making a decision
 - By replying early so the group could plan accordingly
- What concern did Jess raise when she thought too many ideas might pop up?
 - That it might become difficult for the group to agree on one idea
 - That the group might not have enough time to meet again
- What solution did Sam offer so that everyone could agree on which activity to plan?
 - To allow each person to plan a separate individual activity
 - To vote on ideas and choose the most popular option
- Who said, "That sounds great!" to show they would accept the invitation?
 - Leo
 - Maya
- Who said, "Maybe next time," and why?
 - Sam, because he wanted to delay planning the event
 - Leo, because he could not attend the weekend retreat
- Why did Sam say people should RSVP, and what did Leo remind him to include at the end?
 - To decide which activity would win, and to include final instructions for the trip
 - To confirm attendance for planning numbers, and to include a thank-you message