

1. Match the following expressions then write 'accepted' or 'declined':

Why don't we go to the cinema?	a. I'm sorry, I'm sick, I can't play now.	
How about going to the souk?	b. That's a great idea!	
How do you feel about playing football?	c. I'm sorry, I have seen that film before.	
Let's prepare couscous.	d. Sure, why not! I need to buy some vegetables.	

2. Fill in the chart using the following expressions:

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| 1. Why don't we ... ? | 13. No, I don't want to. | 25. I quite understand. |
| 2. That's a good idea. | 14. Yes, but... | 26. I dislike...+ing ... |
| 3. Why not? | 15. It's a great idea! | 27. That sounds like a good idea. |
| 4. What about...+ing ? | 16. It's a bad idea! | 28. I suggest that... |
| 5. Sorry, I can't. | 17. How about...+ing ? | 29. Does it matter if...? |
| 6. Let's ... | 18. Fancy ...+ing ? | 30. Shall we... ? |
| 7. Sure, I'd love to! | 19. We could always... | 31. What an awful idea! |
| 8. I'm afraid I can't.. | 20. It would be nice to... | 32. What a great suggestion! |
| 9. Would you like to... ? | 21. Yes, of course! | 33. Sure, why not! |
| 10. I'd love to, but... | 22. No, I'd rather not. | 34. It doesn't look like a good thing to do. |
| 11. How do you feel about...? | 23. Yes, with pleasure. | |
| 12. No, let's not. | 24. I don't feel like it. | |

Making suggestions	Accepting suggestions	Declining suggestions

3. Use the following cues and write a short dialogue, then act it out:

Speaker A: You love movies and you can't wait to see the new action film this weekend.

Speaker B: You hate action films and would rather do something different (outside if possible). You love any type of sport and would be willing to play football / basketball.

Both Speakers: Try to come to some type of agreement that fits both your personalities.

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Making and responding to suggestions

Suggestions

The following English phrases and expressions are all used to make suggestions and give advice to people.

Making suggestions:

- Let's revise our lessons.
- What about going to the cinema tonight?
- How about playing cards?
- Why don't we do our homework?
- Couldn't we invite your grandmother to our party?
- Shall we have a walk along the river?
- What would you say to a cup of coffee?
- Don't you think it is a good idea to watch TV?
- Does it matter if we use your car?

Accepting suggestions:

- Ok. Yes, let's.
- Yes, I'd like to.
- Yes, I'd love to.
- What a good idea!
- Why not?
- Yes, with pleasure.
- Yes, I feel like taking a walk.
- That sounds like a good idea.



Refusing suggestions:

- No, let's not.
- No, I'd rather not.
- I don't feel like it.
- I dislike going for a walk.
- What an awful / bad idea!

Things to remember about suggestions:

1. The verb "suggest" can be followed by either:

- should + verb = I suggest (that) we should go to the theater.
- a verb (in the subjunctive form) = I suggest (that) we go to the movies.

2. "That" is optional:

- "I suggest that we should visit Paris."
- "I suggest we should visit Paris."

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