

WRITING: Writing and replying to an invitation

I'm having a ...
 30th Birthday Trip!
 I'd love you to join me!
 We are going to go on a cruise in the Bahamas for three nights. We're going to stop in the capital, Nassau, and go sightseeing. The next day, we're going to go scuba diving on a small private island!
 Where: Meet at the Miami cruise port on Dodge Island
 When: June 18 – June 21
 Please let me know if you can come!
 Janine X
 RSVP: janine95@pinkfish.com

Dear Janine,

Thanks so much for the invitation. What an exciting trip! I can definitely make it! I've never been to the Bahamas, but I would love to go there!

Can't wait to see you!

Lots of love,

Matt X

Dear Janine,

Thank you for the invitation. I'd love to come, but I don't have the money for the cruise. Also, I don't like traveling by boat because I get sick!

I hope you have a great time, and a very happy birthday.

Keep in touch.

Best wishes from Kylie

- 1 Read Janine's invitation and the two replies. Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Janine going? _____
- 2 Who is going to go with her? _____
- 3 Who can't go? _____

- 2 Complete each phrase with one word.

- 1 I'm _____ a birthday trip!
- 2 Hope you _____ come!
- 3 Hope you can _____ it!
- 4 _____ reply.
- 5 I'm really _____, but we can't come.

- 3 Read Matt and Janine's online conversation. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

Matt Hi Janine! I can't wait to go on the cruise.

Janine I'm so happy you can come!

Matt I'm going to bring some food for us to eat on the trip. Do you like ¹a / - / the chocolate?

Janine I love it! Great idea. Thanks, Matt.

Matt Is there ²a / - / the bus in Miami to the cruise port?

Janine No, there isn't. Let's take ³a / - / the taxi. Where do you want to meet?

Matt Let's meet at ⁴a / - / the mall, then, at 2.30! Bye!

- 4 Reply to Janine's invitation. Use key phrases from exercises 1 and 2.

- 5 Imagine you are having a birthday trip party. Answer the questions below. Then write an invitation to Janine. Remember to use key phrases from exercises 1 and 2.

- Where are you going to go?
- When are you going to go?
- How are you going to get there?
- Where are you going to stay?