

When we make suggestions in English, some suggestions take the **infinitive form** of the verb and others use the **-ing** or **noun** form. Here are some examples:

| Suggestions (infinitive form)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Suggestions (-ing or noun form)                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Why don't (subject)...?<br>Shall (subject)...?<br>Let's...<br>I suggest (subject)...<br>Examples: Why don't we <b>visit</b> a museum?<br>Shall we <b>have</b> a picnic?<br>Let's <b>meet</b> at the cinema.<br>I suggest we <b>arrive</b> early. | What about...?<br>How about...?<br>I suggest...<br>I recommend...<br>Examples: What about <b>visiting</b> a museum?<br>How about <b>a picnic</b> ?<br>I suggest <b>meeting</b> at 4 o'clock.<br>I recommend <b>taking</b> a taxi. |

**A. Complete the suggestions with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

- Why don't we ..... (have) a picnic?
- I suggest ..... (go) for a run on the beach.
- Shall we ..... (visit) a museum?
- Let's ..... (book) a hotel near the beach.
- How about ..... (have) a massage?
- I suggest we ..... (go) to Spain in the summer.
- What about ..... (take) a group tour?
- I recommend ..... (try) that Mexican restaurant.



**B. Write the phrases for saying yes or no to a suggestion in the correct category.**

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| I'd rather not.         | I'd love to!                        |
| That sounds good/great. | I'm sorry, I don't think I want to. |
| Yeah, sure.             | That's a good/great idea!           |
| Unfortunately, I can't. | I wish I could, but...              |

| Saying yes | Saying no |
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**C. Fill in the gaps in the suggestions dialogue. Use one word in each space.**

A: I'm so excited to be on holiday in Barcelona. Why don't we (1) ..... shopping in the city center?

B: That sounds (2) ..... After shopping, (3) ..... about going surfing?

A: No, I'd (4) ..... not. I don't like surfing. I (5) ..... relaxing on the beach instead?

B: Yes, that's a (6) ..... idea. And for dinner, (7) ..... go to a traditional Spanish restaurant.

A: I'd (8) ..... to. (9) ..... we look online for a good restaurant?

B: Yeah, (10) .....