

MAKING SUGGESTIONS

A2-B1 | Functional language for suggesting ideas politely

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to suggest an idea politely.

Let's ...

Let's meet after class.

Why don't we ...?

Why don't we take the bus?

How about ...?

How about having lunch together?

We could ...

We could ask the teacher.

Shall we ...?

Shall we try the new cafe?

Maybe we can ...

Maybe we can go tomorrow.

What about ...?

What about a picnic?

Do you want to ...?

Do you want to study together?

2 Respond to the situations

Write one natural suggestion for each situation. Try to use a range of phrases.

1. Your class wants to celebrate the end of the course. Suggest an activity.

2. Your friend is bored at home this weekend. Suggest something to do.

3. You and a classmate need a quiet place to study. Suggest a place.

4. Your group project is due next week. Suggest a time to meet.

5. Your friend cannot decide what to eat for lunch. Suggest an idea.

6. It is raining and you planned to play outside. Suggest a new plan.

7. Your friend wants to improve their English. Suggest one simple habit.

8. You want to save money on travel. Suggest a way to get to the city.

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Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

Encourage students to use a range of phrase patterns from page 1.

1. Let's have a class picnic in the park.

2. Why don't we go to the cinema this weekend?

3. How about studying at the library?

4. We could meet after school on Tuesday.

5. What about trying the new noodle shop?

6. Do you want to watch a film at home instead?

7. Why don't you listen to an English podcast every day?

8. Shall we take the bus? It is usually cheaper.
