

INVITING SOMEONE AND ACCEPTING INVITATIONS

A2-B1 | Functional language for inviting and responding warmly

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to invite someone, accept an invitation, or decline politely.

Would you like to ...?

Would you like to come for dinner?

Do you want to ...?

Do you want to see a film?

How about ...?

How about meeting after class?

Can you come ...?

Can you come to my party?

I'd love to.

I'd love to. Thank you.

That sounds great.

That sounds great. What time?

Sorry, I can't.

Sorry, I can't. I am busy.

Maybe another time.

Maybe another time. Thank you.

2 Respond to the situations

Write one natural invitation or response for each situation. Try to use a range of phrases.

1. Invite a friend to have lunch with you tomorrow.

2. Invite a classmate to study together after class.

3. Invite a friend to your birthday party.

4. Invite someone to go to the cinema this weekend.

5. Accept an invitation to a colleague's barbecue.

6. Accept an invitation to go for coffee.

7. Decline an invitation because you have to work.

8. Decline an invitation because you are not feeling well.

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3 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. Would you like to have lunch with me tomorrow?

2. How about studying together after class?

3. Can you come to my birthday party on Saturday?

4. Do you want to go to the cinema this weekend?

5. I would love to come to your barbecue. Thank you.

6. That sounds great. I would like to go for coffee.

7. Sorry, I can't come because I have to work.

8. Maybe another time. I'm not feeling very well today.
