

MAKING SUGGESTIONS

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for suggesting ideas politely

Conversation: Practising before a speaking test

Ella	My speaking test is on Friday. I know the words, but I forget them when someone asks me a question.
Ben	Why don't we practise together after class? I need to practise, too.
Ella	I'd like that. The library's usually very quiet, though. We can't talk much in there.
Ben	How about going to the cafe across the road? It's quiet at this time of day.
Ella	Good idea. Shall we just ask each other questions from the book?
Ben	We could start with those, then make up some new ones so it's more like the test.
Ella	That would help. I've got about half an hour before my bus.
Ben	That's enough for today. Let's do ten minutes each, then talk about what was difficult.

Key phrases: Why don't we / How about / We could / Let's

Conversation: A rainy Saturday

Maya	The forecast says rain all afternoon. I don't think our picnic will happen.
Leo	No, probably not. What about inviting everyone to my flat instead?
Maya	Would there be enough room? There are six of us.
Leo	Yes, if we move the small table. Maybe we can make lunch together.
Maya	That sounds fun. I've already bought bread and cheese, so I'll bring those.
Leo	Great. Do you want to ask the others to bring drinks or something sweet?
Maya	Sure. And we could play a game after lunch.
Leo	I've got a few. Shall we tell everyone to come at one?

Key phrases: What about / Maybe we can / Do you want to / Shall we

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Suggest a practical way to prepare for a test with a classmate. Agree on a place and an activity.

Prompt 2: Bad weather has changed your plans. Suggest an alternative and work out the details together.