

MAKING SUGGESTIONS

B2-C1 | Conversation practice examples for proposing ideas tactfully

Conversation: A crowded exhibition opening

Rina	We've had twice as many replies as expected. The entrance will be crowded if everyone arrives at six.
Paul	Have you considered offering two arrival times? Guests could choose six or seven.
Rina	Wouldn't people feel they were being asked to leave after an hour?
Paul	Not if we make clear that it's just an arrival slot. Perhaps we could keep the exhibition open until nine.
Rina	That would spread things out. We'd need to check whether the staff can stay later.
Paul	Yes. It might be worth asking them before we send another invitation.
Rina	I'll do that. What about guests who've already replied?
Paul	One option would be to give them first choice of slots, then open the remaining spaces to everyone else.

Key phrases: Have you considered / Perhaps we could / It might be worth / One option would be to

Conversation: Improving a confusing order form

Nadia	Customers keep calling us halfway through the order form. Most get stuck on the delivery section.
Omar	Could I suggest watching a few people complete it before we change anything?
Nadia	We already know where they stop. Wouldn't it be quicker just to rewrite that section?
Omar	We know where, but not why. What if we ask them to explain what they're thinking as they go?
Nadia	That might show whether it's the wording or the layout. Could we use members of our own team?
Omar	We might want to include people who've never seen the form. Our team knows too much about the process.
Nadia	Good point. I can ask a few customers who've offered to give feedback.
Omar	And would it make sense to test a revised version with them afterwards? We'd know whether it actually helps.

Key phrases: Could I suggest / What if we / We might want to / would it make sense to

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 way to manage unexpectedly high attendance. Address a concern and agree on the next step.

Prompt 2: Propose an approach to investigating a confusing process rather than rushing to change it.