

RESPONDING TO SUGGESTIONS

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for accepting or declining suggestions

Conversation: Choosing an evening activity

Jess	Shall we go swimming after work? The pool's open until nine.
Owen	I'm not sure. I forgot my swimming things, and I don't have time to go home first.
Jess	You could borrow a towel from me. Can't you buy a swimsuit there?
Owen	I'd rather not buy one just for tonight. How about going for a walk instead ?
Jess	That would be nice, but it's getting quite dark. We could walk along the river where there are lights.
Owen	That sounds good. We can get something to eat afterwards.
Jess	There's a new noodle place near the bridge. Do you want to try it?
Owen	Great idea! I've wanted to go there for weeks.

Key phrases: I'm not sure. / I'd rather / How about / instead / That sounds good. / Great idea!

Conversation: Studying for a test

Nina	Why don't we read every chapter again before the test?
Tom	Maybe, but that would take all evening. We know some of it already.
Nina	Then shall we start with the practice questions and see what we get wrong?
Tom	Sure, let's do that. We can read the parts we don't understand afterwards.
Nina	Should we answer together, or try them on our own first?
Tom	On our own first, I think. Otherwise I might just copy your ideas.
Nina	All right. Ten minutes for the first page?
Tom	Yes, that should be enough. Then we'll compare our answers.

Key phrases: Maybe, but / Sure, let's

Create your own conversation

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

Prompt 1: Respond to an activity suggestion that is inconvenient. Offer an alternative and develop the plan.

Prompt 2: Consider two ways to study. Explain a concern, accept a better approach and agree on how to start.