

INVITING SOMEONE AND ACCEPTING INVITATIONS

B2-C1 | Conversation practice examples for inviting and responding tactfully

Conversation: An invitation after a conference

Host	I was wondering if you'd like to join a few of us for dinner after the conference.
Guest	That sounds lovely. I don't have anything arranged for the evening.
Host	We've booked a table at the small Italian restaurant near the station for seven thirty.
Guest	That should give me time to drop my bag at the hotel. Is it a formal conference dinner?
Host	No, just six of us from different sessions. We'd be delighted if you could join us.
Guest	Thank you. I'd be very pleased to. Shall I meet you at the restaurant or come back here?
Host	At the restaurant would be easiest. I'll send you the address and the booking name.
Guest	Perfect. I'm looking forward to hearing more about everyone's projects away from the busy programme.

Key phrases: I was wondering if you'd like to / That sounds lovely. / We'd be delighted if / I'd be very pleased to.

Conversation: Inviting a guest to a school discussion

Teacher	Would you be interested in joining our students for a discussion about your new novel?
Author	I would, but I'm afraid I won't be able to travel during the next few weeks.
Teacher	Would an online session be easier? The students could send questions in advance.
Author	Yes, that would make it possible. I could offer about forty minutes towards the end of the month.
Teacher	Would it suit you to join us on the twenty-eighth at eleven?
Author	I have another appointment then. Could we make it twelve instead?
Teacher	Certainly. I'll adjust the lesson timetable and confirm the connection details by email.
Author	Thank you. Please send a little information about the class as well so I can pitch the discussion appropriately.

Key phrases: Would you be interested in / I'm afraid I won't be able to / Would it suit you to

Create your own conversation

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

Prompt 1: Invite a professional acquaintance to an informal gathering. Clarify the tone and meeting details.

Prompt 2: Invite a guest to an educational event. Respond tactfully to a constraint and explore a suitable alternative.