

# MAKING OFFERS AND RESPONDING TO OFFERS

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for offering help politely

## Conversation: Carrying shopping home

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| Luke | Those bags look heavy. <b>Can I help</b> you carry them?                   |
| Anna | <b>Yes, please.</b> Could you take the one with the potatoes?              |
| Luke | Of course. Are you walking home, or shall we wait for a bus?               |
| Anna | I'm walking. It's only two streets away, but I bought more than I planned. |
| Luke | <b>Do you want me to</b> carry the other bag as well?                      |
| Anna | Thanks, but <b>I can manage</b> this one. It's mostly bread.               |
| Luke | All right. Shall we go through the park? It's a little shorter.            |
| Anna | Good idea. I'll make us some tea when we get home.                         |

**Key phrases:** Can I help / Yes, please. / Do you want me to / I can manage

## Conversation: Before the guests arrive

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| Nora | Everyone will be here in twenty minutes, and I haven't finished the salad. |
| Finn | <b>Shall I</b> set the table while you do that?                            |
| Nora | <b>That would be great.</b> The plates are in the cupboard above the sink. |
| Finn | Found them. Would you like me to put out the bread, too?                   |
| Nora | Yes, thanks. There's a clean basket beside the cooker.                     |
| Finn | Done. <b>Would you like</b> a cup of tea before they arrive?               |
| Nora | <b>No, thank you.</b> I'll have some water. I'm too warm in here.          |
| Finn | I'll get you a glass and open the window a little.                         |

**Key phrases:** Shall I / That would be great. / Would you like / No, thank you.

## Create your own conversation

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

**Prompt 1:** Offer help to someone carrying heavy things. Accept some help and politely decline the rest.

**Prompt 2:** Prepare for guests together. Offer practical help and something to drink.