

Lesson 29: Making a Suggestion

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "***Making a Suggestion.***"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

Asking for a suggestion

- (Where/What/Who) shall we/I...?
- What do you have in mind?

Making a suggestion

- Why don't we...?
- I suggest that we...
- How about...?

Accepting a suggestion

- Yes, that might be worth trying.
- That sounds like a good idea.

Rejecting a suggestion

- I'm not sure about that, to be honest.
- I don't think that's a good idea.

Activity 1 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Greg and Allen are talking about their plan for this Saturday.

Greg : Hi, Allen! **Would you like to do** something with me this Saturday?

Allen : Sure, **what shall we do?**

Greg : I don't know. Do you have any ideas?

Allen : **Why don't we** watch a movie?

Greg : **That sounds good to me.** What movie would you like to watch?

Allen : I want to see "*The Midnight Meat Train*".

Greg : Hmm... Honestly, **I'd rather not.** I don't like violent films. **How about** watching "*Bruce Almighty*"?
I heard it's a funny one.

Allen : Okay, I'll take it. **Shall we ask** Matt to come along with us?

Greg : **That sounds like a good idea.** I'm sure he'll be interested.

Allen : Yes, the more the merrier! **Why don't we** have a bite before the film? **What about** going to the newly opened Thai restaurant?

Greg : Well, **I don't think that's a good idea.** Food might be a bit expensive over there. I think fast food would be cheaper.

Allen : Yeah, I think so. Okay then, **why don't we** meet in front of *Kentucky Fried Chicken* at six o'clock?

Greg : **Great!** I'll see you there at six.

Allen : Okay, see you then.

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. What did Greg ask Allen about at first?
2. What was Allen's suggestion?
3. Why doesn't Greg want to watch the movie that Allen suggested?
4. What kind of restaurant did they agree on going to?
5. At what time would they meet?
6. Who else do Allen and Greg want to join them?

Activity 2 | Role Play

Directions: Have a role play with your teacher in the following situation.

Situation

You have a free day tomorrow and you don't know what to do yet. Practice asking for, making, rejecting and accepting suggestions with your teacher.

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. What do you do in your free time?
2. If you had more free time, what would you like to do?
3. Who do you like spending your weekends with? What do you usually do?
4. Do you often suggest something in your workplace or other places?
5. Is rejecting a suggestion a common practice in your country?
6. What would you suggest to your teacher to make your lesson more effective?