

Making Invitations

Pre-Intermediate (A2-B1)



WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. When was the last time you invited someone to do something? What did you suggest?
2. How do you feel when someone invites you to join an activity?
3. Have you ever declined an invitation politely? How did you respond?



DEFINITION MATCHING

Part 1. Match each word to its correct definition. Can you guess any before looking at the options?

Meditation	Session	Invite
Unwind	Breathing exercise	Yoga

1. _____ a planned period of activity, such as yoga or meditation practice
2. _____ to clear your mind and focus, often by sitting quietly
3. _____ relax after a period of work or tension
4. _____ an activity involving controlled inhales and exhales to calm the mind
5. _____ to ask someone in a polite or friendly way to come somewhere
6. _____ a set of physical and mental exercises that are intended to give control over the body and mind

DIALOGUE ACTIVITY

Part 1. Read the dialogue. Underline all phrases used to make invitations, accept invitations, and decline politely.

A: Hi, I know you've been busy. If you're free this afternoon, would you like to join me for a short meditation session?

B: That sounds nice. I'd love to; when shall we meet?

A: How about 5 pm in the park? We can do some breathing exercises and then go for a walk to unwind.

B: Great. I'm free then. Thanks for inviting me.

A: You're welcome. Also, if you have time tomorrow morning, feel free to come along to my yoga class.

B: I'm afraid I can't tomorrow morning, but thank you. Maybe another time?

A: Sure. No problem. Let me know when you'd like to try.



GAP-FILL

Part 1. Complete the dialogue with the correct forms of the phrases in the box.

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That sounds nice. I'd love to; when shall we meet?

How about...?

Feel free to...

Would you like to join me for...?

A: Hi, I know you've been busy. If you're free this afternoon, _____ (1) a short meditation session?

B: _____ (2)

A: _____ (3) 5 pm in the park? We can do some breathing exercises and then go for a walk to unwind.

B: _____ (4)

A: You're welcome. Also, if you have time tomorrow morning, _____ (5) come along to my yoga class.

B: _____ tomorrow morning, _____ (6)

A: Sure. No problem. Let me know when you'd like to try.



SPEAKING PRACTICE: ROLE PLAY

Part 1. In pairs, use the Role-Card below and the language from Steps 2–4. Then swap roles.

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Feel free to...

Would you like to join me for...?

Role-Card A: Invite your partner to an activity using at least two invitation structures.

Role-Card B: Respond, first accepting one invitation and then declining another, using appropriate acceptance and decline phrases.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Part 1. Write/say 3–5 sentences about an invitation you would like to make or respond to. Use at least three different phrases from today's lesson.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.