



# MORE ABOUT ACCEPT OR DECLINE AN INVITATION

It's not always easy to know how to invite someone nicely without sounding too formal.

It can also be difficult to find the right words to accept or refuse an invitation.

Here are some examples to help learners.

## INVITING

- Will you join us for coffee?
- I'm going out for a bite to eat. Would you like to join me?
- Could we have lunch together one day?
- Would you like to come to the cinema with me tonight?
- We're all going to watch the parade later. Care to join us?
- We're having a party next weekend. Would you like to come?
- How about coming to the barbecue at the tennis club on Saturday?
- Would you be free on Wednesday evening to join us for dinner? Tom is staying with us for a few days.
- I've got two tickets for a concert on Friday. Would you like to come?
- The town is organizing a treasure hunt on Saturday afternoon. How about joining our group? It should be fun.
- How about a game of tennis at the weekend?
- Would you like to play a round of golf this weekend?

## ACCEPTING OR REFUSING

- I'd love to thanks. / Sorry. I'm afraid I don't have time.
- I'd be happy to. Thanks. / Sorry. I'm meeting a friend for lunch.
- With pleasure. / I'd love to but I'm very busy at that moment.
- Sure, I'd love to. / Sorry, I can't. I've got other plans.
- Sure! Good idea! / Nice of you to ask me but I've got an appointment.
- I'd love to. Thanks. / What a pity! I'm away next weekend.
- Sure! That should be fun! / Sounds great but I'm afraid I'm not free.
- I'll join you with pleasure! I've heard so much about Tom. / Oh, what a shame! I can't! I'm leaving on Tuesday evening.
- Super! I'd love to. / I'm tied up on Friday, sorry.
- Sounds great! I'd be happy to come. Let me know the details. / Sorry. I'm away this weekend, otherwise I would have loved to come.
- Yes, I'd like that. / Sorry. Maybe some other time.
- That would be great. Is Saturday ok? / I'd like to but I'm not free this weekend.

Reference:  
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