

Focus on RNE – Speaking Task 2 (p. 66)

You are discussing what **special event** to organise for a popular classmate who is moving to another town. These are your ideas about each option:

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A surprise leaving party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I think it's a good way to let him know we will miss him. – Everyone will enjoy it. - It won't be too expensive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Surprises don't always work out. – He may be too busy to attend.
Dinner at a local restaurant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – He loves Indian food. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It will be difficult to choose a restaurant that he will like. – It's not a bad idea but it's not very exciting. -The meal may be very expensive.
An afternoon at a funfair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I like this idea because it would be fun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – It's OK but we've been before
An evening at a comedy club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A fresh idea. We've never done this before. – It would be a shared experience. -It will be exciting to see a live performance. -It would be easy to organize. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The only problem is that it might be expensive.

It's such a pity that Mark is moving to another school; we're really going to miss him.

B: I know, we need to organize a leaving event so we can all enjoy ourselves together. I was thinking about a surprise party, what do you think?

A: The problem with surprises is that they can go wrong. He's probably going to be really busy before he goes. I think it would be better to organise something he knows about. That way he can fit it in with all the other things he and his family have to do.

B: Yes, you've got a good point. We could just have dinner at a local restaurant. He loves Indian food.

A: That's not a bad idea, but how about something a bit more exciting – like an afternoon at the funfair? B: That would certainly be fun. Now you mention something more exciting

though, what about an evening at a comedy club? That would be something special, wouldn't it?

A: Yes, you're right, it would be. I don't know about you, but I have never been to a comedy show before. It would be a great thing to do – for everyone. We would all have something to look back on, in future – a shared experience. Yes, it's a great idea.

B: Well, OK then, we agree on that. I'll check and see what's on and we'll get everyone together to tell them and see what day Mark can come. We need to check how much it is. If we all contribute, we can pay for Mark's ticket as a leaving present.

A: That's a brilliant idea. I'm sure he'll appreciate it. Yes, I agree, let's go and find out what's on ...