

Phrases for making suggestions:

I think you should + V. . .

I don't think you should + V. . .

Maybe you should +V. . .

Why don't you + V. . .?

Why don't we + V. . .?

Let's + V

How about + V-ing...?

What about + V-ing...?

Shall we + V...?

You could + V...

Accepting suggestions:

Ok. Yes, let's.

That's a good idea.

Thanks for the advice.

Good suggestion.

Sounds like a good idea.

That sounds great.

Perfect!

Yes, I'd like to./ I'd love to.

Refusing suggestions:

No, let's not.

I'm not sure.

I'd prefer...

No, I'd rather not.

I don't feel like it.

What an awful / a bad idea!

Conversation Practice

With a partner, practice making suggestions in the following situations:

1. Help your partner decide which item to buy.
2. Warn your partner against doing something.
3. Suggest that your partner change his/her plans.
4. Help your partner make up his/her mind.
5. Suggest doing an activity together.
6. Help your partner choose a new place to move in.
7. Suggest your partner a way to practice English outside of school.
8. Suggest your partner try some food.
9. Suggest your classmate a movie/TV show to watch.
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Sample conversations

A: Should I buy the Porsche or Ferrari?

B: I think you should buy the Ferrari.

A: Why is that?

B: Because I'd like to borrow it.

A: Why don't you give Jane a call?

B: Good idea. I haven't seen her for awhile.

A: Maybe you should ask her out.

B: Hmmm. I'll think about it.