

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
asking and answering
questions from prompts,
communicative practice
(group work)

Focus

Making, accepting and
rejecting suggestions

Aim

To practice making,
accepting and rejecting
suggestions about things
to do on a Saturday.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
cards for each group of
four and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this making suggestions activity, students role-play making, accepting and rejecting suggestions about things to do on a Saturday.

Procedure

Begin by writing phrases to make, accept and reject suggestions on the board and then review the language with the students.

Examples:

Why don't we...?	Yes, I'd like that.	No, I'd rather...
Let's...	That's a good idea.	No, let's not.
How/What about...?	Yes, I'd love to.	No, I'd prefer to...

Next, divide the students into groups of four.

Give each group a set of situation cards by placing the cards face-down on the table, going in order from 1 to 5.

Also, give each student a role card (A, B, C, or D).

Tell the students not to show their cards to anyone. If you have a group of three, remove role card D.

The role cards show things the students want and don't want to do.

Next, students imagine that it's Saturday, and they are at home together feeling bored. The aim of the activity is to make suggestions on things to do until they find something they all agree on.

Students then turn over the first situation card and make appropriate suggestions according to the prompt.

Students suggest, reject and accept suggestions based on the preferences on their role cards until they come up with something they all want to do.

When the students have reached an agreement, they write the activity on the situation card and turn over the next card.

The role-play continues until the students have completed all the situations and agreed on a suggestion for each one.

Answer key

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| 1. go to the park | 4. eat Japanese food |
| 2. play video games | 5. visit Hugo |
| 3. go for a bike ride | |

1. It's a lovely Saturday afternoon. You are all bored at home.
Suggest somewhere to go.

2. You go outside, and it starts to rain, so you go back inside.
Suggest something to do at home.

3. You've been at home for an hour. The rain has passed, and the sun is coming back out.
Suggest an activity to do outside.

4. You've been outside for a while. Now, you are all getting hungry.
Suggest something to eat.

5. The food was delicious. It's only 6 p.m.
Suggest visiting someone.

Student A

Student B

You want to...

play volleyball
eat Indian food
visit Chloe
go to the mall
play board games
go to the beach
eat Japanese food
play tennis
visit Hugo
listen to music
eat Chinese food
play video games
visit Ethan and Lucas
go for a bike ride
go to the park

You don't want to...

play golf
go to the swimming
pool
visit Julia and Cora
visit an art gallery
watch TV
eat Mexican food
visit Oscar
eat Thai food
go to a cafe
play baseball

You want to...

eat fast food
play football
visit Mathias
watch TV
go for a bike ride
visit Amelia
go to the gym
play cards
eat French food
go to the park
play video games
visit Hugo
go to the zoo
eat Japanese food
play cricket

You don't want to...

eat Italian food
play volleyball
watch a film
visit Chloe
go to the mall
do some housework
eat Vietnamese food
visit Diego
go to a museum
play basketball

Student C

Student D

You want to...

play basketball
eat Thai food
visit Julia and Cora
go to the library
eat Vietnamese food
play baseball
do some housework
visit Diego
play video games
eat Japanese food
go to the swimming
pool
visit an art gallery
visit Hugo
go to the park
go for a bike ride

You don't want to...

paint pictures
go to the beach
eat Chinese food
visit Mathias
play cricket
go to the gym
eat fast food
play squash
visit Anna
play board games

You want to...

go to a cafe
eat Italian food
visit Anna
play golf
go to a museum
watch a film
visit a local market
eat Mexican food
visit Oscar
go for a bike ride
play video games
eat Japanese food
go to the park
visit Hugo
paint pictures

You don't want to...

eat French food
play cards
visit Amelia
go to the zoo
listen to music
play tennis
visit Ethan and Lucas
eat Indian food
go to the library
play football