

## Activity Type

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

## Focus

Making, accepting and rejecting suggestions

## Aim

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

## Procedure

Begin by writing expressions for making, accepting and rejecting suggestions on the board. 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, just remove role-card D.

The role-cards show things the students want and don't want to do. Ask the students to read their cards and deal with any vocabulary queries.

Next, explain that it's Saturday and the students are all at home together feeling bored. Tell the students that the aim of the activity is to read each situation card in turn and then make suggestions on things to do until they find something they all agree on.

The students then turn over the first situation card and make appropriate suggestions, according to the prompt on the card.

The students suggest and reject 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 turn over the next situation card and continue making new suggestions for the prompt on the card.

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

Answer key

1. go to the park
2. play video games
3. play badminton
4. eat Japanese food
5. visit Hugo

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 a sport to play outside.

4. You've been playing sport 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  
play badminton  
go to the park

#### You don't want to...

play golf  
go to the swimming  
pool  
visit Julia and Cora  
take selfies  
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  
play badminton  
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  
take selfies  
visit Hugo  
go to the park  
play badminton

#### 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  
play squash  
eat Mexican food  
visit Oscar  
play badminton  
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