

# Aula 9

## MAKING, ACCEPTING AND REFUSING INVITATIONS

### META

Apresentar as diferentes formas de se fazer um convite formal e informal na Língua Inglesa e suas particularidades

### OBJETIVOS

Ao final desta aula, o aluno deverá: está apto a utilizar frases formais e informais para convidar, aceitar e recusar um convite.

### PRÉ-REQUISITOS

Ter conhecimento básico sobre como fazer um convite.

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### INTRODUÇÃO

Esta aula está focada em convites sociais; em como fazer e responder a um convite.

Ao fazer o convite à uma pessoa, isso significa que se espera por ela, que sua presença é importante. Um convite para ocasiões como um casamento, formatura, chá de bebê são geralmente formais. A resposta formal para estes convites é feita através do código de etiqueta com o R.S.V.P (répondez, s'il vous pláit) uma expressão francesa.

Os convites informais são geralmente feitos por telefone, pessoalmente, por e-mail, whatsapp etc, porém a confirmação ou não é uma parte muito importante.

Dependendo do evento o convidado presenteia o anfitrião com uma garrafa de vinho, flores, chocolate.

Então vamos aprender que tipo de frases usar para convidarmos, aceitarmos ou recusarmos a um convite educadamente.

### INVITATION



(Fonte: <http://img.bedroomidea.us>).

Em uma situação em que o (a) convidado(a) tenha filhos (as) e o convite seja endereçado por Americanos, não se deve levar as crianças a não ser que o (a) anfitrião (a) sinalize que possa levá-los. Os Americanos costumam muito fazer churrasco e picnics, e estes sim para eles é um evento apropriado para crianças.

Ao não aceitar um convite uma justificativa deve ser dada prontamente.

Algumas frases parecem ser um convite, mas não são, elas não possuem um dia, um horário determinado, e a palavra sometime é geralmente usada.

Observe as frases a seguir:

*We'll have to get together sometime.*  
*You'll have to come over and visit us some-time.*  
*If you're ever in Brazil, look me up.*  
*If you're ever in the area.*

E a resposta para ambas poderia ser:

Yes, that would be nice.

I'd love to.

Vamos a uma lista contendo frases referentes a convites formais e informais:

### TAKE YOUR NOTES

#### FORMAL

1. I'd like to invite you to . . .
2. If you have time, I'd like to invite you . . .
3. Would you like to join us for (event) at (time) ?
4. We'd be glad to have you accompany us . . .
5. We'd be delighted/honored to have you as our guest at . . .

#### INFORMAL

1. Would you like to . . .
2. We're going to . . . . Would you like to come along?
3. There's a . . . . (tonight). Would you like to go?
4. How about (V+ing) . . . ?
5. Do you want to . . . ?
6. I wonder if you would like to . . .
7. I was wondering if you would like to . . .

	MAKING AN INVITATION	ACCEPTING	REFUSING
More formal	I'd like to invite you to dinner this Saturday.	Thank you. I'd love to.	I'm awfully sorry, but I have other plans.
	I'd like to invite you to a party next Friday.	That would be wonderful.	I wish I could, but...
	I was wondering if you'd like to...	Yes, thank you. What time?	I'd really like to, but...
	We're going to have a few friends over on Wednesday, and we'd love you to come.		
	Are you free on Saturday? Would you like to...	Thanks. I'd love to.	Sorry. I've already made plans for Saturday.
	How about dinner?	Sounds great.	Oh darn! Have to...
	How about coffee?	OK.	
Less formal	Let's go to our place for a beer.	All right.	

  

	OFFERING TO BRING SOMETHING	RESPONSE
More formal	I wonder if I might be able to bring something?	It's enough just to have you come.
	Let me bring something, won't you?	Oh, you don't need to.
	Is there anything I could bring?	Just bring yourself.
	What shall I bring?	Well, thanks, if you'd like to.
	Can I bring the wine?	Well, John's bringing salad, so why don't you bring dessert?
Less formal	What should I bring?	

### PHRASES FOR INVITING PEOPLE

- (Do you have) any plans for...?
- (Do you) fancy/ want to...?
- Are you free this.../ on...?
- If you're free...
- Have you got time to... (with me/ us)?
- How about... ?/ Why don't we...?
- I know how busy you are/ it's short notice but...
- I thought you might enjoy...
- I was wondering if you'd like to/ Would you like to... (with me/ us)... ?
- I'd like to (formally) invite you to...
- We're meeting (later/ tonight/ on Saturday), if you'd like to come along/ if you'd like to tag along/ if you fancy it.

**MORE PHRASES FOR REFUSING AN INVITATION**

Ask me again..., for sure.  
 Did you say...? That's a shame, I...  
 It's (such) a shame (because...) but...  
 It's so nice of you to invite me, but...  
 I'd love to, but.../ I would have loved to, but...  
 I'm afraid...  
 I'm free the rest of the... but...  
 I'm... ing at (exactly) that time. (How about...?/ Could we make it...?/  
 How about rescheduling?)  
 Thank you for your invitation, but...  
 That sounds like just my kind of thing, but...  
 That's exactly when I have to...  
 The thing is...  
 Unfortunately,...but you must tell me next time you are going to...

**PHRASES TO USE AFTER YOUR INVITATION IS ACCEPTED**

Great. See you there. / See you then.  
 I'm so glad you can come.  
 You won't regret it.

**PHRASES FOR ACCEPTING A REFUSAL**

Never mind. Another time, perhaps.  
 That's a shame / pity.

**DIALOGS**

**INFORMAL**

A: What are you doing on Saturday?  
 B: Nothing special. Why?  
 A: Do you wanna see a movie?  
 B: Sure! What time?

A: Can I pick you up around 7?  
B: Sounds good!

A: Would you like to come over for dinner tonight?  
B: I can't. I have to study.  
A: OK, then how about getting together for coffee tomorrow afternoon?  
B: Sorry. I have other plans

Notes:

“pick you up” means that person A will go to person B’s house and take person B to the movie.

“Sounds good” means that person B approves of this plan.

## FORMAL

A: Are you free next Saturday?  
B: I believe so  
A: We were wondering if you’d like to go to a baseball game with us. We have an extra ticket.  
B: I’d love to!  
A: We’re going to the Italian restaurant. Would you care to join us?  
B: I’d love to, but I’m afraid I have another commitment this evening. Maybe another time

Notes:

We were wondering if... - makes the invitation less direct. It can be used in formal situations, or in informal situations if the person making the invitation is a little shy.

Would you care to join us? - is used in more formal conversation.

Maybe another time - means that person B would like to be invited by person A again in the future. Another phrase used for this is “Can I take a raincheck?”

Now, using what you’ve learned, complete the dialogs with the appropriate response:

### SITUATION 1

Complete the dialogues:

A: Can you come for dinner on Sunday?  
B:  
A: Some White wine would be fine.  
B:

SITUATION 2

A:

B: Oh, that would be great! \_\_\_\_\_?

A: Around eight o'clock.

B:

A:

SITUATION 3

It's Wednesday. Jeff's friend Bill invites him to play basketball, but Jeff has to work. Act out the conversation.

BILL:

JEFF: I'd really like to, but I can't. I have to work.

BILL:

JEFF: Oh, I work at Arno's Coffee Shop

BILL:

JEFF: No, I don't work every day. Just Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

BILL:

JEFF: Tomorrow? Sure. That sounds good

BILL:

JEFF: Ok. Bye

SITUATION 4

Complete the conversations with the sentences in the box:

I'd like to, but I have to help my father.  
 I can't today. I have to go to the dentist.  
 I'd love to, but I've got to babysit for my neighbors.  
 Thanks for inviting me, but I've got to work late

A: I've got an extra ticket for the ballet tonight. Do you want to go?

B:

A: That's too bad.

A: Would you like to go to a party on Saturday night?

B:

A: Maybe some other time.

A: We're going out to lunch.

B:

A: Maybe some other time.

A: Do you want to go to the baseball game on Sunday?

B:

A: That's too bad.

SITUATION 5

Imagine a friend of yours has invited you to spend the weekend with her. Answer her short letter, accepting or declining the invitation. If you accept the invitation, ask your friend questions to get more information about the plans. If you decline, say why you can't go and suggest another time and place for you to get together.

Abril 7, \_\_\_\_\_

Dear, \_\_\_\_\_

I'm sorry I haven't called you in so long, but I've been really busy at work. I leave for the office very early in the morning and get home late at night, so it's either too early or too late to call anybody.

I'd really like you to come to visit me. Are you doing anything next weekend? If you're free, how about coming to spend the weekend with me here in the city? Write me a short letter to let me know if you can come. I hope you can!

All my best,  
Lisa.





### CONCLUSÃO

Através do estudo sobre *Making, accepting and refusing invitation*, concluo que as regras sociais que nos cercam são importantes para conduzir o homem para um bom e saudável convívio social. Ter conhecimento destas regras e saber fazer bom uso delas ajuda o sujeito nas práticas diárias.

Conforme estudado na lição a prática de um convite bem formulado é de bom tom, e saber principalmente como funciona em outra cultura evita do indivíduo cometer erros e às vezes criar situações embaraçosas.



### RESUMO

Nesta aula aprendemos a importância do uso adequado das frases referentes a um convite formal e informal, assim como aceitá-lo e recusá-lo. Regras de etiqueta são importantes e conhecer o protocolo para os eventos é importante, pois é importante para o bom convite social.



### AUTOAVALIAÇÃO

1. Estou ciente do uso apropriado das expressões e situações as quais fui exposto?
2. Sou capaz de fazer uso apropriado das frases para convidar, aceitar ou recusar a um convite?
3. Sei diferenciar uma situação informal da formal e utilizar a expressão correta?
4. Estou fazendo as atividades de *listening* do AVA?
5. Estou fazendo as atividades escritas aqui propostas?



### PRÓXIMA AULA

Na próxima e última aula estudaremos algumas Phrasal Verbs e Provérbios.

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