



5F TALKING ABOUT PLANS

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What is this about?

- Here you can learn how to adjust plans for the future with a friend, family member, etc. You'll also learn different suggestions and how to answer them politely.

Tenses in the dialogue

- 1. Use *will* deciding things to do on the spot. (e.g. *I will go now*)
- 2. Use *going to* or *future continuous* for things that you already decided to do. (e.g. *I'm going to eat breakfast*)
- 3. Use *may* or *might* if you're not fully sure. (e.g. *I might go out tonight*)
- 4. Use *present continuous* for things that are decided to be done, often with someone else. (e.g. *I'm going to a concert with my friends*)

Phrases for suggestions

(word for examples: go)

■ Making suggestions:

- 1. shall we (go)?
- 2. how about (going)?
- 3. what about (going)?
- 4. why don't we/you (go)?
- 5. maybe we could (go).
- 6. let's (go).
- 7. I was wondering if you'd like to (go).

■ Accepting suggestions:

- 1. Great idea.
- 2. Yes, that sounds fun.
- 3. OK. Why not?
- 4. I'd love to.
- 5. Yes, I'd be up for that.
- 6. That's a good idea.

■ Declining suggestions:

- 1. Sorry, I can't.
- 2. I'm not up for it.
- 3. I've already got plans.
- 4. I don't really fancy (going).
- 5. Next time maybe.
- 6. No, thanks. I'm not very keen on...

Dialogue essentials

- 1. Ask about your partner's plans.
- 2. Tell your partner about your own plans.
- 3. Make suggestions for an activity you could do together.
- 4. Accept or decline your partner's suggestions.
- 5. Agree on one activity you can do together.

Dialogue example

- **Charlie:** What are your plans for the weekend?
- **Lily:** I think that I'm going to do some schoolwork on Saturday morning.
- **Charlie:** What about the afternoon? Are you free then?
- **Lily:** Sadly, yes. I might have to babysit my little cousin. But *maybe we could* go for a bike ride in the evening?
- **Charlie:** I'm going to a birthday party. *Maybe next time.*
- **Lily:** What a shame. Well *what about* going to the park on Sunday afternoon? We could even make a picnic!
- **Charlie:** That sounds great! *I'd be up for that.* I'll call you Sunday morning to set everything up.
- **Lily:** Great. Until then.

Information source

“Solutions” intermediate student’s book