

Lesson

1

Giving, Accepting, and Rejecting Invitations



▶ Getting Ready



- 1 Choose the correct statements to complete these short conversations. Then listen to the MP3 and check your answers.

- Let me get back to you.
- Please come have coffee with us.
- Count me in!
- That's a pity. Maybe next time, then.



- 1
- A Would you like to join us for dinner tonight?
- B I'd love to, but I already have plans.
- A _____



- 2
- A I'm having a birthday party at my house on Friday. I'd love it if you could come.
- B _____ What time should I arrive?



- 3
- A Do you want to go to the art exhibition with me on Saturday?
- B Yes, ... but I'm not sure if I'll be free.
- _____



- 4
- A _____
- B I appreciate the offer, but I'll have to pass this time. I have to study for my test.

- 2 With a partner, practice these short conversations.

Conversation 1



- A Would you like to join us for _____ (coffee / lunch / a movie / ...) later?
- B I'd love to. What time?
- A Around _____.
- (five o'clock / one thirty / six / ...)
- B Great. Count me in.

Conversation 2



- A I'm going to _____ (an art exhibition / a baseball game / a beach party / ...) on Saturday. Do you want to come?
- B Sorry, but I'll have to pass this time. I have to _____. (visit my grandma / finish my homework / ...)
- A That's a shame. Maybe next time, then.

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► Time to Listen

You will hear a conversation among three friends: Ken, Angela, and Will. Ken wants to invite Angela and Will to his barbecue. Before you listen, finish the tasks below.

A Focus on Vocabulary



The following words and phrases will appear in the conversation. Listen to them first, and put them into the sentences below. Change the forms if necessary.

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| 1. be up to sth. 打算做某事 | 6. sense of humor [sens əv `hjumə] (n.) 幽默感 |
| 2. concrete [ˈkankrit] (adj.) 具體的 | 7. the more the merrier 人越多越有意思
[ˈmeriə] |
| 3. place [ples] (n.) (口語) 家 | 8. drop by (v.) 拜訪 |
| 4. count sb. in 將某人算在內 | 9. apparently [ə `pærəntli] (adv.) 似乎 |
| 5. come off as 顯得 | 10. the last minute [ðə læst `minit] (n.) 最後一刻 |

- _____ you _____ anything tomorrow? If not, would you like to grab lunch together?
- I was planning to meet up with Tammy, but _____ she already made plans.
- Gina has a good _____. Having her at the party will surely make it more fun.
- Since you don't have any _____ plans yet, how about joining us for a picnic?
- If you're having a board game night, definitely _____ me _____.
- Thanks for the invitation, but I can't make it. I might _____ another time.
- I'm sorry for inviting you at _____, but we're hosting a barbecue tonight if you're free!
- Would you be interested in a small gathering at my _____ next weekend?
- I hope my declining your invitation doesn't _____ rude. I have other plans.
- Feel free to invite anyone you want to our get-together—_____!






Now, listen to the MP3 to see if your answers were correct.

B Listen Up Practice



Listen to the conversation and answer the question.

_____ Who is definitely going to Ken's barbecue?

<p>A</p>  <p>Will and Angela.</p>	<p>B</p>  <p>Angela and her friend Rosie.</p>	<p>C</p>  <p>Just Angela.</p>
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












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C Conversation

Listen to the conversation again, and fill in the blanks.

 Ken  Angela  Will



-  What **are** you **up to** this weekend, Angela?
-  No **1** _____ at the moment. Why?
-  I'm having a barbecue at my **place** on Saturday. Would you like to come?
-  I'd love to! What time should I arrive?
-  It's starting around 11, so **2** _____.
-  OK. **Count** me **in**. Do you need me to bring anything? Some soda, snacks . . . ?
-  No, **3** _____.
-  Awesome. Hey, I hope this doesn't **4** _____ rude, but is it OK if I invite my friend Rosie, too? She has a great **sense of humor**. You'll like her.
-  Sure! **The more the merrier**.
-  Great! Let me give her a call.
-  OK. Oh, there's Will. Will, do you want to come to my barbecue this Saturday? There'll be tons of great food. Eleven o'clock. **5** _____?
-  Well, I'd love to, but I'm not sure if I can. I might have to help my dad in his restaurant. If it isn't too busy, though, I could maybe **drop by** around 1 or 2 p.m. When are you going on until?
-  I'm not sure—whenever people **6** _____.
-  OK. I'll see. If I can't be there, thanks for the invitation anyway.
-  You're welcome. So, Angela, is your friend coming?
-  No, **apparently**, she just made plans **7** _____ for Saturday.
-  That's a shame. It's my fault. I shouldn't have waited **8** _____ to tell you about it.
-  Don't worry—at least I'll be there!

Answer the questions based on the conversation.

_____ 1. Why is Will not sure if he can go to the barbecue?

- (A) He has lunch plans with a friend. (B) He has work to do.
(C) He has a family gathering. (D) He will be busy with his studies.

2. Mark the following statements **T** (true) or **F** (false).

- [] **1** Ken wants Angela to bring some food to the barbecue.
[] **2** Angela says that Rosie has a personality that people will enjoy.
[] **3** Will might be able to attend the barbecue in the afternoon.
[] **4** Ken's barbecue has specific start and end times.

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► Essential Expressions

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Giving and Accepting an Invitation



1	A We're going for coffee later.	B Are you in? Want to come? Are you coming? Care to join us? Please, join us!	B Sure.
2	A How about Are you interested in	going to the beach tomorrow?	B I'd love to.
3	A Would you like to go to the baseball game with me this weekend?	B Yes.	Count me in! I'm in!
4	A I'd like to invite you to my wedding next month. I really hope you can come. A I'm having a barbecue on Friday. I'd love it if you could come.	B Thanks so much for the invitation. Yes, I'll be there.	
5	A What time? A When should I arrive? A What time should I be there?	B At eleven-thirty. B Around eight. B Anytime after eleven.	
6	A When and where?	B My house at nine. B I'll send you the details later. B The details are all in the invitation.	
7	A Can I invite a friend?	B Sure. The more the merrier! B Sorry. I'd prefer it if you didn't.	
8	A Do I need to bring anything?	B No, just yourself. B Yes, everyone is bringing a home-made dish. B Yes, you'll need to bring a beach towel and swimming clothes.	

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