

Informal invitations

What's the best way to ask somebody if they'd like to do something with you? In this programme, we look at how to make informal invitations, and in particular, how to ask someone if they'd like to have a drink with you. We also hear some different ways to accept invitations.

Simple informal invitations

Do you fancy ...a pint?
Are you up for ...a chocolate bar?
Do you feel like ...a night in?

Informal invitations with gerunds

Do you fancy ...going to a museum with me?
Are you up for ...having a party?
Do you feel like ...leaving work early?

Ways to accept informal invitations

I'd love one / I'd love to
That'd be fun
That sounds lovely
OK, cool

POLITE INVITATIONS

hecking someone is not busy

Are you free on Friday?
Are you busy on Friday?
What are you doing on Friday?

Would you ?

Would you like ...a chocolate bar?

...to come to my house for dinner?

I wondered / was wondering

I wondered

I was wondering ...if you'd like to come to my house for dinner

I wonder whether I you'd like to
you'd care to

Ways to accept informal invitations

That would be very nice. Thank you.

Decline invitations

We've already looked briefly at how to accept invitations in [our programme on making informal invitations](#). In this programme, we look at how to say 'no' to an invitation: how to decline an invitation.

Declining invitations

I'd like to but ...I'm meeting a friend

I'd love to but ...I'm really busy this weekend

Ah, no.. sorry ...I've got to meet a friend

Other expressions from the programme

Maybe another time?

Maybe next time?

I really appreciate the invitation (or 'invite')

I can't make it

Thank you but, but (I'm afraid)...

I'm afraid I can't

I'm sorry I can't

No, thanks. – By itself, this is rather abrupt, even rude. However, it may be used among friends if followed by an explanation.