

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
asking and answering
questions from prompts,
communicative 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

You want to...	You don't want to...
play volleyball	play golf
eat Indian food	go to the swimming pool
visit Chloe	visit Julia and Cora
go to the mall	take selfies
play board games	watch TV
go to the beach	eat Mexican food
eat Japanese food	visit Oscar
play tennis	eat Thai food
visit Hugo	go to a cafe
listen to music	play baseball
eat Chinese food	
play video games	
visit Ethan and Lucas	
play badminton	
go to the park	

Student B

You want to...	You don't want to...
eat fast food	eat Italian food
play football	play volleyball
visit Mathias	watch a film
watch TV	visit Chloe
play badminton	go to the mall
visit Amelia	do some housework
go to the gym	eat Vietnamese food
play cards	visit Diego
eat French food	go to a museum
go to the park	play basketball
play video games	
visit Hugo	
go to the zoo	
eat Japanese food	
play cricket	

Student C

You want to...	You don't want to...
play basketball	paint pictures
eat Thai food	go to the beach
visit Julia and Cora	eat Chinese food
go to the library	visit Mathias
eat Vietnamese food	play cricket
play baseball	go to the gym
do some housework	eat fast food
visit Diego	play squash
play video games	visit Anna
eat Japanese food	play board games
go to the swimming pool	
take selfies	
visit Hugo	
go to the park	
play badminton	

Student D

You want to...	You don't want to...
go to a cafe	eat French food
eat Italian food	play cards
visit Anna	visit Amelia
play golf	go to the zoo
go to a museum	listen to music
watch a film	play tennis
play squash	visit Ethan and Lucas
eat Mexican food	eat Indian food
visit Oscar	go to the library
play badminton	play football
play video games	
eat Japanese food	
go to the park	
visit Hugo	
paint pictures	