

**MAKING & RESPONDING TO SUGGESTIONS**

**A. Read the following exchanges, paying close attention to the expressions in bold.**

1	A:	<b>How about <u>eating</u></b> at that new restaurant?
	B:	<b>That's OK with me.</b>
2	A:	<b>Let's go <u>sightseeing</u></b> in the afternoon.
	B:	<b>No, thanks.</b> I'm too tired to go out.
3	A:	<b>Why don't we <u>borrow</u></b> my brother's car?
	B:	<b>I don't think it's a good idea.</b>
4	A:	<b>Shall we <u>ask</u></b> the others to come with us?
	B:	<b>That sounds like a great idea.</b>
5	A:	<b>We could <u>stop</u></b> by the ice-cream shop on our way home.
	B:	<b>Great idea! I wouldn't miss it for the world!</b>
6	A:	<b>What about <u>going</u></b> for a swim this afternoon?
	B:	<b>Oh no! I'm afraid I'm busy.</b>
7	A:	<b>I suggest</b> the government should build more schools and hire more teachers.
	B:	<b>Yes, I think it's the best solution.</b>

**Practice**

**B. Find in the exchanges above phrases used to make, accept and decline a suggestion, and then fill in the table below.**

1. Making a suggestion	2. Accepting a suggestion	3. Declining a suggestion
- .....	- .....	- .....
- .....	- .....	- .....
- .....	- .....	- .....
- .....	- .....	- .....

**Self-test**

**C. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the list.**

**about- what: don't - shall - could- suggest -let's**

- Why ..... we organize a plant-a-tree day?
- We ..... set up a 'Friends of Nature' club in our school.
- ..... launch an awareness campaign about the importance of recycling,
- How ..... organizing a clean-up day in our school next week?
- ..... we start a composting project?
- I..... that we should design a website on energy saving.
- ..... about organizing a Graffiti contest on the theme of the environment?

**D. How would you respond to the following suggestions?**

- A: Let's watch a movie tonight.  
- B: .....
- A: How about going on a picnic next Sunday?  
- B: .....
- A: I suggest sending your application by email.  
- B: .....
- A: Why don't we prepare for the maths test together?  
- B: .....

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**B.**

**1. Making a suggestion:**

How about ...

Why don't we Shall we ...

We could What about ...

I suggest ...

**2. Accepting a suggestion:**

That's OK with me.

That sounds like a great idea.

Great idea!

I wouldn't miss it for the world!

Yes, I think it's the best solution.

No, thanks.

I don't think it's a good idea. Oh no!

I'm afraid I'm busy.

**C.**

1. don't

2. could

3. Let's

4. about

5. Shall

6. suggest

7. What

**D.**

1. B: That sounds like a great idea.

2. B: Great idea! I wouldn't miss it for the world!

3. B: Yes, I think it's the best solution.

4. B: No, thanks. I prefer studying on my own.