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**Lesson 04 : Suggestion :**

*Sally is at home watching television with peter. It is Friday evening.*

**Sally:** do you feel like doing anything tomorrow evening, Peter?

**Peter:** yes, all right. What do you suggest?

**Sally: How about** going to see star wars? It’s on locally and they say it’s verygood**.**

**Peter: well, we could, I suppose, but** I don’t really likescience-fiction films all that much. Of course, if you’d like to see it ……

**Sally:** no, no ……I don’t mind. It was just a suggestion, that’s all.

*(A slight pause. They continue watching television.)*

**Peter: we could** always go to Dave’s party**, I suppose.**

**Sally: Dave?**

**Peter:** yes, Dave Wallkins. You know that chap who works for the BBC. He’s having a sort of house-worming party. Everyone’s invited. So if **you fancy going,** then we …..

**Sally:** No, **I do not think so** somehow!You know what Dave’s parties are like**.** I still haven’t recovered from the last one we went to.

**Peter: well, it was only an idea.**

**Sally: no, I’d prefer to** go somewhere else**, if you don’t mind.** Just the two of us.

**Peter: Would you like to** gofor a meal. Then? We could go to that new French restaurant in Chelsea. Brian told me the food was really great**.**

**Sally: yes, that would be nice. Let’s do that. And why don’t** we call in on Bob and Sue on the way home? we’ve been promising to go and see them for ages.

**Peter: yes, good idea.** We could even go on to Dave’s party afterwards.

**Sally: peter! If you think, I’m going …**

**Peter:** *(laughing)* **it’s all right.** I’m only joking.

1. **How to ask for a suggestion:**

When you ask someone to suggest something, here are some phrases you can use:

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| What | Shall we  Do you suggest we  Would you like to  Do you want to  Can we | Do tonight? |
| Where | Do you fancy | Going at the weekend |

Do you fancy+ gerund (verb+ ing).

1. **How to make a suggestion:**

When you make a suggestion, here are some phrases you can use:

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| What about  How about  Do you fancy  Do you feel like | Going to the pictures? |
| Shall we  Let’s  Why don’t we  Why not  I suggest we  Would you like to | Spend the weekend in Brighton (?) |

**Practice 01:**

Match up the request from A with an appropriate suggestion from B.

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| What do you fancy eating tonight?  Where do you want to go tonight?  Who do you suggest we invite to the party?  What can we do at the weekend?  Where shall we go for our holidays?  Where would you like to visit your cousin in wales? |

B.

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| Let’s go and stay with my sister Brighton.  How about a nice curry?  Why don’t we ask our English teacher?  I suggest we go and see her at Easter.  Why not go to the pub?  What about going to Spain? |

**Practice 02**

Work in pairs. A make up a question using the following prompts. B answers with an appropriate suggestion.

A asks:

1. Where/go tonight.
2. What/do at the weekend
3. Which film/go and see.
4. What/ eat tonight.
5. When/go and see the new James Bond film.
6. Who/ invite to the party.
7. **How to accept a suggestion**

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| Yes, | Good idea  That’s a marvellous idea.  That would be nice  That seems all right. |

1. **How to half-accept a suggestion**

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| Well, | We could  That’s a good idea,  It’s not a bad idea, | I suppose, | But( there aren’t any good films on at the moment). |
| Yes, I suppose we could, | | But( there aren’t any good films on at the moment). | |

1. **How to refuse a suggestion:**

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| No, | I can’t.  I don’t think so  I don’t think I can  I don’t really feel like ( going to the pictures). |
| Well, | I’m not sure. I don’t really like (curry) very much.  I’d rather not, if you don’t mind. |

1. **How to make a counter-suggestion:**

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| Well, | I’d rather  I think I’d prefer to | | (go to pub), | | If you don’t mind  If that’s all  Right with you |
| Mmm, but wouldn’t you | | Prefer to  Rather | | (go dancing) ? | |

**Practice 03**

Match up the suggestion from A with the most appropriate response from B.

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| What about going for a walk?  Shall we watch *coronation street* tonight?  Let’s get married next weekend.  How about having a party on Friday?  Why not go to the Majorca in the summer?  Do you fancy going to a Chinese restaurant tonight? |

B

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| I’m not sure . I don’t really like Chinese food very much.  Mmm, but wouldn’t you prefer to go to Scotland again?  Well, I’d rather not, if you don’t mind.  I can’t. I’m already married.  Well, I think I’d prefer to watch the serial, if that’s all right with you.  Well, we could, I suppose, but remember we’ve got to get up early on Saturday morning. |