



**GAMBITS: Inviting, Accepting, Refusing, Unsure**

**NOTE:** You may want to teach or review “**POLITE LANGUAGE to use when INVITING, ACCEPTING, REFUSING, and UNSURE**” (see next page).

**POSSIBLE CREATIVE GROUPINGS:**

1. People who like to have parties with their extended family
2. People who like to have parties only with their immediate family
3. People who like to have parties with all of their friends
4. People who like to have parties with only their close friends
5. People who like to have parties with children
6. People who DON'T like to have parties



**Make 3 or 6 charts as follows**

Events you can invite people to:	What I say to invite ...	Accepting, Refusing, Expressing Uncertainty
a birthday party	Would you like to come to my husband's birthday party?	Sure! I'd love to! When is it?
play tennis	Let's play tennis on Saturday.	Sorry, I'd like to, but I already have plans for Saturday.
go out for a coffee	Wanna grab a coffee after class?	Um, can I let you know? I might have to work. I'm on call.



**Follow Up:** Learners can use **CONVERSATION: Practicing INVITATIONS** on pg. 4 to practice inviting, accepting, refusing, and expressing uncertainty.



**POLITE LANGUAGE to use when INVITING, ACCEPTING, REFUSING, UNCERTAIN:**

<p><b>Formal Invitations:</b> Use these the <i>first time you invite someone</i>, or when speaking to an <i>older person</i>, or for <i>formal</i> or organized events such as <i>birthdays, anniversaries, retirements</i> and <i>other celebrations</i>. Could be <i>verbal</i> or <i>in writing</i>.</p>	<p><b>Formal Ways to: Accept, Refuse, Express Uncertainty</b></p>
<p>Would you like to ...</p>	<p>Sure! I'd love to. Thanks!</p>
<p>We are having a ... party on <u>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></u>. Would you like to come?</p>	<p>Sorry, I'd like to, but I already have plans for that day.</p>
<p>Would you and your family like to come over for dinner this Saturday?</p>	<p>Um, could I let you know? I might have to work. I'm on call.</p>
<p><b>DATING:</b> Hi, _____. I was wondering if you'd like to go out for a coffee sometime.</p>	<p><b>DATING:</b> Sure! How about on Saturday? / Oh, sorry, I already have a boyfriend/ husband etc.</p>
<p><b>Informal Invitations:</b> Use these with family &amp; people you know well. Could be <i>verbal</i> or <i>in an email/text</i>.</p>	<p><b>Informal Ways to Accept, Refuse, Express Uncertainty</b></p>
<p>My friends and I are <u>going to a movie this coming Saturday evening</u>. Wanna come?</p>	<p>Sure! That sounds great! Thanks!</p>
<p>Wanna <u>play tennis this Saturday</u>?</p>	<p>Sorry, I can't. I already have plans for that day. Rain check?</p>
<p>Can you and your family come out with us this Saturday? We're going to <u>the Mandarin</u>.</p>	<p>Um, I'll have to check with my husband/wife and let you know, okay?</p>
<p>Are you doing anything <u>tonight</u>?* *(This <i>sounds like</i> a <i>casual information question</i>, but is <i>often</i> an <i>invitation</i> – if you're free, the invitation will follow.)</p>	<p>Um, can I let you know? I might have to work. I'm on call.</p>
<p><b>Casual Invitations:</b> Used only with your closest friends &amp; family members. <i>Not used with people older than you</i>.</p>	<p><b>Casual Ways to Accept, Refuse, Express Uncertainty</b></p>
<p>Wanna grab a coffee after class?</p>	<p>Absolutely! Let's go right now!</p>
<p>Doing anything tonight?</p>	<p>Sorry, yeah, gotta work. How about tomorrow?</p>
<p>Come over for dinner on Saturday, ok?</p>	<p>Depends ... whatcha cooking? ;)</p>



INVITING – COPY EXAMPLES FROM THE CHARTS:

(Mark F for *Formal*, i for *Informal*, or C for *Casual*)

Events you can invite people to:	What I say to invite ...	Accepting, Refusing, Expressing Uncertainty



**CONVERSATION: Practicing INVITATIONS**

**INVITE YOUR PARTNER ...**

**RESPONSE: Please practice  
ACCEPTING, REFUSING &  
EXPRESSING UNCERTAINTY**

1. ... to come to your house for dinner.
2. ... to go out with you to a restaurant for dinner (1<sup>ST</sup> time).
3. ... to go out with you to a restaurant for dinner (close friend).
4. ... to go out for coffee (a friend).
5. ... to go out for coffee (a classmate you don't know very well).
6. ... to go to a movie with you.
7. ... to play soccer with you and your friends on Sunday.
8. ... to go shopping with you and your friends
9. ... to go on a hike (make sure to tell him/her how far you will walk!).
10. ... and their spouse to go dancing with you and your spouse.
11. ... to a party.
12. (Your idea.)