

Messaging to make plans

Learn how to write messages to make plans with friends.

Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and tips and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Write the phrases in the correct group.

(Sunday) works for me.	Sure!	I can't, sorry.	I'd love to but ...
Sorry, I'm doing ... on (Sunday).	I'm busy.	Perfect!	Sounds good!

Accepting	Saying 'no'

Reading text: Messaging to make plans

Hey, are you free on Saturday? Do you want to do something?

I'm busy on Saturday, but how about Sunday?

Sure! Sunday works for me

What are you thinking?

How about a drive out to the beach? I've got the car this weekend because Mike is away.

Sounds good! What time?

I can pick you up from your place about 9 if you like

I'm going to the gym first thing in the morning

Shall we meet a bit later, say 10?

Perfect! Do you fancy a picnic? I can go shopping while you're at the gym

Great! Even better! See you tomorrow!

Tips

1. Use these phrases to make suggestions.
 - *How about* + noun/gerund ...?
 - *Do you fancy* + noun/gerund ...?
 - *Shall we* + infinitive without to ...?
 - *Do you want* + infinitive ...?
2. If you say no to something, make another suggestion instead.
3. You don't need to put full stops (.) at the end of every sentence.

Tasks

Task 1

Circle the correct answer.

1. They are going to meet on ...
 - a. Saturday.
 - b. Sunday.
2. Mike is ...
 - a. coming.
 - b. not coming.
3. They're going to meet at ...
 - a. 9 o'clock.
 - b. 10 o'clock.
4. They're going to meet ...
 - a. at the second person's home.
 - b. at the gym.

5. They're going to go ...
 - a. to the beach.
 - b. shopping.

6. Who is going to the gym?
 - a. One of them.
 - b. Both of them.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

fancy	busy	free	Shall
how	works	like	pick

1. Are you on Saturday?
2. I'm on Saturday, but about Sunday?
3. Sunday for me.
4. I can you up about 9 if you
5. we meet a bit later?
6. Do you a picnic?

Task 3

Write the verb in brackets in the correct form to complete the sentences.

1. Do you fancy to the cinema on Monday? (go)
2. Shall we by the main door at six? (meet)
3. How about dinner in that new Thai restaurant? (have)
4. Do you want to round for lunch on Sunday? (come)
5. Shall we to see Emily on Thursday? (go)
6. How about her a plant for her birthday? (give)

Discussion

What are your plans for this weekend?

Answers

Preparation task

Accepting	Saying 'no'
(Sunday) works for me.	I can't, sorry.
Sure!	I'd love to but ...
Perfect!	Sorry, I'm doing ... on (Sunday).
Sounds good!	I'm busy.

Task 1

1. b
2. b
3. b
4. a
5. a
6. a

Task 2

1. free
2. busy | how
3. works
4. pick | like
5. Shall
6. fancy

Task 3

1. going
2. meet
3. having
4. come
5. go
6. giving