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# Responding to a party invitation

**LEVEL**

Intermediate (B1)

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**LANGUAGE**

English



## Let's check!

Can I respond to a party invitation?

- Can I respond to an invitation to a party using a range of vocabulary and phrases?
- Can I distinguish between a variety of verbs using 'to + infinitive' or the -ing form?
- Can I apologise for a mistake in a variety of situations and say what I'll do differently next time?





# Warm-up

**Discuss** the questions in breakout rooms or together as a class.

**What kinds of parties do you like best? Why?**



**What was the last party you went to? Did you enjoy it?**



## Learning outcome 1

Can I respond to an invitation to a party using a range of vocabulary and phrases?



# Write a reply

**You receive this email** from Gabriella, a colleague of yours at work. **Reply to the invitation.**

## Birthday party on Saturday



To: john.cleeses@firstrateadvertising.co.uk

Hi John,

How are you?

Just to let you know that I'm having a small birthday party on Saturday at my house, at around 8pm.

Would you like to come? Feel free to bring a plus one!

Best,

Gabriella





# Let's check! Feedback round

Your teacher will now highlight what was done well and some mistakes that were made **in the last activity** for you to reflect on.



Good examples

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## Learning outcome 2

Can I distinguish between a variety of verbs using 'to + infinitive' or the -ing form?



# Making conversation

**You're now at Gabriella's party and are chatting to an old friend. Role-play the situation with a classmate. Use the verbs and topic ideas below to help you.**

*Are you planning to go travelling again this summer?*

*Actually, I haven't booked anything just yet...*



## Verbs

- want
- plan
- would prefer
- decide
- choose
- enjoy
- hate
- suggest
- recommend

## Topics

- Recent holiday or future travel plans
- New career developments or plans
- Good restaurant suggestions
- Film or TV series recommendations





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## Learning outcome 3

Can I apologise for a mistake in a variety of situations and say what I'll do differently next time?



# Apologising for a mistake

One of these situations happens either just before or during Gabriella's party. Admit your mistake and say what you'll do differently next time. **Role-play it with a classmate!**



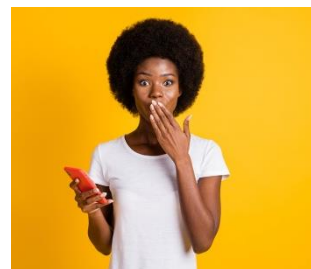
**You are extremely late for the party**



**Her birthday cake ends up here**



**Your glass of wine is now here**



**You go to the incorrect address**



**You don't bring her a birthday gift**

*I accidentally spilt some wine on your tablecloth. I'll be more careful next time.*

*Don't worry about it! It's no big deal.*



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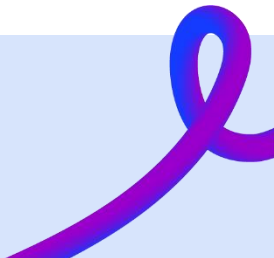
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# End of the lesson

Idiom

***Have a whale of a time!***

**Meaning:** To enjoy oneself very much

**Example:** I *had a whale of a time* at Jenny's party. I danced the whole night!



# Additional practice



# Write an invitation

Choose one of the events below and write an invitation to one of your classmates.



**Pool party**



**Drinks after work**



**Karaoke party**



**Barbecue**



**Dinner party**

*Hi! On Saturday, I'm...*

*Would you like...?*



# Discuss

Choose one of these **questions** and **ask one of your classmates**.

1



What's the best party you've ever been to? Why was it so good?

2



When was the last time you rejected an invitation? What did you say?

3



What's your favourite topic to use as small talk at a party? Why do you like it?



## Thinking of an excuse

**A friend invites you to go to a very boring party tomorrow night.**



**What excuse can you give him as to why you can't go?**





# **to + infinitive or -ing form**

When we combine these verbs with another verb are they followed by '**to + infinitive**' or the '**-ing form**'?



1

hate

2

decide

3

plan

4

suggest

5

enjoy

6

choose

7

recommend

8

want

9

would prefer

**to + infinitive**
**-ing form**



# Form sentences with the two categories

1

confuse

forget

burn

spill

drop

get wrong



2



the dates

the idea

the drink

the meal

the plate

the time



# Answer key

**P.19:**     **to + infinitive:** 2; 3; 6; 8; 9  
              **-ing form:** 4; 5; 7  
              **both:** 1



# Check Summary

## Writing an invitation to a party

### Structuring an invitation to a party

1. Ask how the person is
2. Ask if the person is free or not on a day
3. Invite them to the party
4. Say you want to see them

### Useful phrases for an invitation

- **Asking how the person is:** *How are things?; How are you doing?*
- **Asking if they are free:** *Are you free on...?; Are you doing anything on... by any chance?*
- **Inviting them to an event:** *Would you like to come?; Would you like to join us?*
- **Saying you want to see them:** *Would be great to see you!; Would love to see you!*

### Accepting and rejecting an invitation

- **Accepting an invitation:** *I would love to!; Sounds great. Count me in!*
- **Rejecting an invitation** *Sadly, I won't be able to make it.; I'm not free then, I'm afraid.*

### Verb patterns with *thank you* and *looking forward to*

- We use the preposition **for** after **thanks** or **thank you**: e.g. *Thank you **for** the invitation!*
- If we follow it with a verb, we use the **-ing form**. e.g. *Thank you for **inviting** me to your party!*
- We also use the **-ing form** after the phrase **looking forward to**: e.g. *Looking forward to **seeing** you!*



# Check Summary

## More on verb patterns

### Verb patterns in English

- In English, when two verbs appear together, they follow patterns.
- Some verbs are followed by **to + infinitive**, other verbs are followed by the **-ing form** of the verb.

### To + infinitive and -ing form:

- Verbs followed by **to + infinitive**: to want; to plan; to need; to decide; to choose; would prefer
- Verbs followed by the **-ing form**: to suggest; to enjoy; to recommend; to hate

### Rules behind these patterns:

- There are no 'rules' to help you know if a verb is followed by **to + infinitive**; or the **-ing form**.
- Unless there is a preposition! A preposition is **always** followed by **-ing form**.

### Using the infinitive in other constructions:

- We use the infinitive with *to know* and question words: *Know + question word + to + infinitive*
- We use the infinitive to describe someone or something: *Subject + be + adjective + to + infinitive*





# Check Summary

## Admitting to a mistake

### Describing a mistake

- We can describe a mistake using a variety of verbs to state what has happened:
  - It could be **drop, spill, burn** to describe a physical action;
  - Or, it could be **confuse, forget** or **get wrong** to describe something more abstract.

### Explaining our intentions

- We use the adverb **accidentally** to express that a mistake was **not our intention** or done on purpose. We usually place it before the main verb:
  - *I **accidentally** bought the wrong ingredients at the supermarket (=I did not intend to buy the wrong ones; I made a simple error while there!).*

### Admitting to a mistake

- When explaining we've made a mistake, it can be helpful to follow this simple structure:
  - Apologise by saying you are **sorry**.
  - Admitting to the mistake or say you **thought** or **didn't realise** something.
  - Say what **you'll do differently** in the future.

### Using more complex sentence structure

Be careful with the tenses of the verbs after **thought** or **didn't realise**:

- *I didn't realise you **wanted** me to buy fresh herbs, and not frozen ones, at the supermarket!*
- *I thought you **needed** me to buy frozen herbs, and not fresh ones, at the supermarket!*



# Vocabulary

How are things?

How are you doing?

Are you free?

Would you like to join?

Are you doing anything on Saturday evening?

by any chance

Would be great to see you!

Would love to see you!

to bring a plus one

to drop someone a text

to catch up

Sounds great. Count me in!

I won't be able to make it!

I'm not free then, I'm afraid!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Let's meet for a drink during the week!

vegan

dietary restrictions



# Vocabulary

hen party

bridesmaid

memorable

to have no clue

relieved

hen do

stag party



# Vocabulary

to forget

to confuse

to burn

to spill

to drop

to get something wrong

accidentally

apology

I thought it said...

I didn't realise it was..

Don't worry about it!

It's no big deal!

It was an honest mistake!

It's absolutely fine!

It wasn't your fault!



## Notes

