My team celebrates success

READING

LEVEL Lower-intermediate

NUMBER EN_BE_2143R LANGUAGE English





Goals

- Understand a short text about a succesful team.
- Can correctly use vocabulary for organising company events.







to attend

off-site

conference

to decide on



dinner

venue

to plan

drinks



Sentence examples



The company plans events that we all attend.

Every summer the boss has a dinner at her house.





I prefer events that are off-site so we can leave the office.

Lots of my colleagues go for drinks on Fridays.





Sentence examples



I like going to conferences because I don't have to go to work!







I am planning an event for our team.

Did you decide on a restaurant for your boss's birthday?





Celebrating success

I work in the finance department at a large company. My team were the most successful in the company this year! As a reward, the boss **set a date** for a big celebration. He **invited** the entire team and **expected** all of us to **attend** – and, of course, we all did!

Our team had lots of ideas and I really wanted to plan something off-site. So, we finally decided on a lovely restaurant for dinner last Friday evening. We all left work early. Lots of people in our office are vegan and vegetarian, but the catering was excellent and arranged for a separate menu. This way we all had some delicious food to enjoy.









Match the two parts of the sentence

1. I work... a. for a vegetarian and vegan menu.

2. The boss expected... b. something outside the office.

3. I really wanted to plan... c. in the finance department.

4. We finally decided... d. on going for dinner together.

5. The catering company arranged... e. everyone to attend.



What's the plan?

Imagine the event in the text is happening this week. Tell a colleague what your boss has organised for the celebration. Look back at the text to help you!

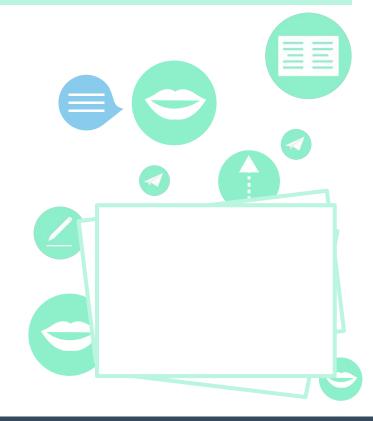


So, this Friday, Martin is planning....

We are meeting at...

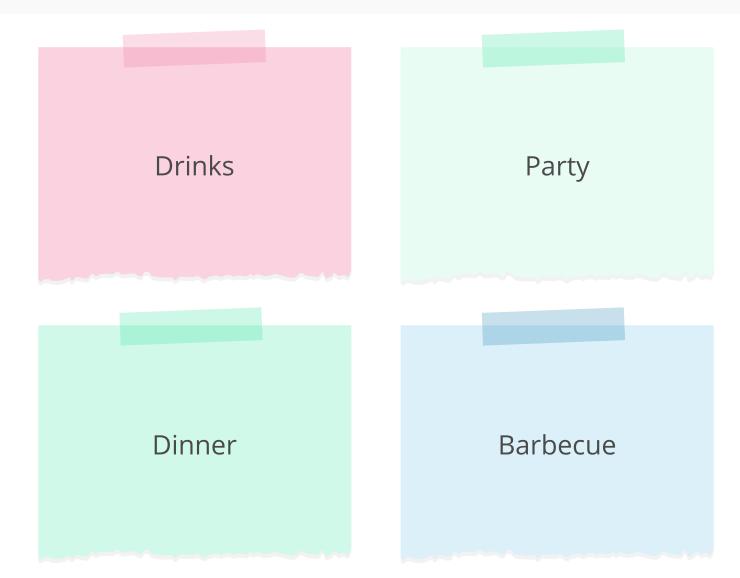
We are going to a....







How does your team celebrate a success?



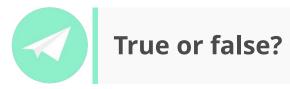


Celebrating success



Our dinner was one of the tastiest meals ever. We decided the **occasion** was special so we went for some **drinks** after. We went to a **bar** where they serve the most unusual cocktails. They're also not the most expensive ones in the city, but certainly the nicest. This was not so important though as our boss paid for all our drinks!

I don't drink a lot, but it was nice to have the time to do some **team-building**. We all talked about what is happening in our lives and what we enjoy doing in our free time. We had the best time and I feel we are now an even better and closer team than before!



	TRUE	FALSE
1. The dinner was very tasty.		
2. After dinner the team all went home.		
3. The bar served lots of unique cocktails.		
4. The cocktails were very expensive.		
5. Every person paid for their drink.		
6. She got to know her team better at the event.		



Answer the questions

Write the answers to these questions.

- 1. What did the team do after the dinner?
- 2. How does she describe the cocktails?
- 3. Why did she enjoy the event so much?



Change these adjectives to their superlative:

1. tasty	- the tastiest
2. unusual	→
3. expensive	→
4. nice	→
5. good	→



Discuss these questions with a partner

When do you go for drinks with your team?

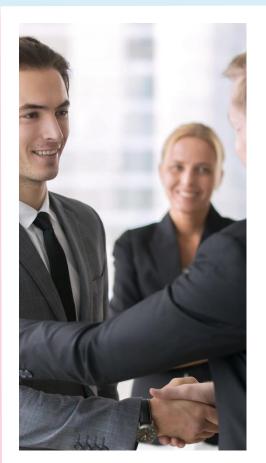




What is the most interesting event to do with your team?



Celebrating success



Another company **invited** us to a **conference** on Monday. Our boss wants us to go, also as a reward. I go to lots of **expositions** for our company but the date for the next one is **set for** next year. The organisers could not find a **venue**!

After the formal **event** there are usually activities for networking. They are something active on the weekend, like playing **golf** or going to an **activity centre**. I really love these as I can meet new people in a more relaxed environment and get to know them better.



What can you remember?

Discuss with a partner.

Try to remember what the author said in the text.



What is happening on Monday?



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What usually happens after the formal event?



What events are happening in these pictures?





















Imagine you are...

Imagine you are a colleague being invited to an event, but you do not want to go. Suggest some alternative events and your reasons why.

I don't want to play golf

Maybe we can go to the activity centre instead?







Why is it important for companies to celebrate their success together?



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson. What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?





Answer key

- 3) She got to know her colleagues better.
- 2) Unusual, not the most expensive but the nicest.
 - 1) They went for drinks

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Answer key

- 3) Networking, less formal events like golf or sports at the activity centre.
 - 2) Could not find a venue.
 - 1) A conference

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Homework complete the sentences

Complete the following sentences.

- 1. Company events improve
- 3. When the team does something well, the boss organises a
- 5. A big _____ is needed so that we can invite the whole company.

- 2. There are lots of different things to do at the _____.
- 4. The manager talks at the _____ regularly.
- 6. After dinner we can go to the _____ for drinks.



Homework e-mail activity.

Write a short, formal e-mail inviting your colleagues to an event. Use your imagination and come up with a reason why the event is happening!

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To:			
Subject: Surprise party			
Dear all,			
Our manager has got a promotion and I suggest we should throparty for her	ow a s	urprise	<u>.</u>



Homework answer key

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1. Teamwork

2. Activity centre

3. Celebration

4. Conference

5. Venue

6. Bar
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