



Inviting Friends

First, some simple small talk:

- What's up?
- How's it going?
- How have you been?
- How have things been?

Make sure the other person isn't busy:

- Are you in the middle of anything?
- Do you have time to talk?
- Are you busy?
- Are you free?
- No, what's up?
- Yeah, I'm free. What's up?
- Could I call you back in 10 minutes?

Informal ways to invite someone to have dinner:

I was thinking of going to grab a bite to eat. Want to join me?

Me and some friends are going out tonight. Would you care to come along?

I'm starving. Want to go get something to eat?

I'm about to go have dinner. Hungry?

Care for a cup of coffee?

Refuse:

I'd like to, but...

I'm a little busy today. How about tomorrow evening?

If I could I would, but my schedule's full tonight. Can we go some other time?

Unfortunately, I have other plans. Raincheck.

I'm not really up to it today.

I'm not really in the mood.

I don't really feel like it.

Time agreement:

What time would be good for you?

Could we move the time to 6?

Could we push it back a couple days? I'm swamped.

Accepting:

Sounds great!

I'd love to...

Ok, why not?

Sure, I've got nothing going on.

Asking:

What were you thinking of eating?

What are you in the mood for?

What do you feel like eating?

Suggest places that you heard of before:

My friend told me about a great Indian place near the park. Want to check it out?

Have you ever been to YY Beer House? They have fantastic green curry. What to try it?

Confirming:

So...

Assignment:

Record a dialogue between two friends. Don't be embarrassed, it's just you. Have fun with it. Try a second one if you're having fun with it. Use as many of the expressions as you can.