

ENGLISH 3AC · SEMESTER 2

Inviting, accepting and declining: English 3AC

Write and answer invitations in English 3AC. Use *would you like to*, include the place and time, and practise accepting or declining politely.

Key points

- Use *Would you like to* + base verb?
- A useful invitation gives the event, day, time and place.
- Thank the speaker when accepting or declining.

Learning goals

- Invite someone to a suitable school activity.
- Include clear information about place and time.
- Accept or decline an invitation politely.

How do you invite someone in English?

Use *Would you like to come to our school exhibition?* to make a polite invitation. *Would you like to* is followed by a base verb. *Would you like coming...?* does not use the pattern taught here. A shorter invitation between classmates is *Can you come to our reading club?*

An invitation helps the other person make a real decision. Name the event, day, time and place: *Our exhibition is on Friday at two o'clock in the school library.* If the guest needs to bring something, say so. Keep the request simple and suitable for a school or family activity.



A useful school invitation names the event, time and place. The guest can then accept or decline.

How do you accept an invitation?

You can say Yes, I'd love to. Thank you for inviting me. In this expression, I'd means I would. You can also confirm the details: Friday at two is fine. I'll be there. If a detail is missing, ask before confirming: What time does it start?

A written reply should answer the invitation rather than change the subject. In a short message, greet the sender, thank them, say that you can come and close politely. You do not need a long story to make your acceptance complete.

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BUILD A CLEAR INVITATION

Give the information a guest needs.

1 Event

Would you like to visit our science exhibition?

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2 Day and time

On Friday at two o'clock.

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3 Place

In the school library.

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

Give the information a guest needs.

How do you decline politely?

Say Thank you for inviting me, but I'm sorry I can't come. A short true reason is enough: I have a family visit that afternoon. You can wish the organisers well or ask about a later activity. Do not invent a complicated excuse. In both acceptance and refusal, the reader should understand your answer immediately.

A worked example

A science exhibition invitation

Sami: Would you like to come to our science exhibition on Friday? Nabil: Yes, I'd love to. What time does it start? Sami: At two o'clock in the school library. Nabil: Thank you. I'll be there.

- Would you like to come...? is the invitation.

- Nabil accepts and asks for a missing detail.
- The final answer confirms the time and place.

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TWO POLITE REPLIES

Both replies answer the invitation directly.

- 1 Accept
Yes, I'd be happy to come. Thank you.



- 2 Decline
Thank you, but I'm sorry I can't come.



- 3 Check a detail
What time does it start?

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

Both replies answer the invitation directly.

How should I use this English 3AC lesson?

- Try the exercises before reading the answers.
- Explain a correction in your own words.
- Return to the examples when two structures look similar.

Exercises: try before reading the answers

1. An invitation

Complete: Would you like ____ visit our school exhibition?

2. Accept

Give a polite positive reply to an invitation.

3. Decline

You have a family visit. Decline a Friday invitation politely.

4. Add details

Improve: Come to our reading club. Use Thursday, 1:30 p.m. and the library.

5. Ask for information

The invitation names the day and place but not the time. Ask a useful question.

6. Write a reply

Write a short acceptance of a science exhibition invitation for Friday at two.

Answers and explanations

1. An invitation

To. The pattern is would you like to + base verb.

2. Accept

Yes, I'd love to. Thank you for inviting me.

3. Decline

Thank you for inviting me, but I'm sorry I can't come. I have a family visit on Friday.

4. Add details

Would you like to come to our reading club on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the library?

5. Ask for information

What time does it start? The question supplies the missing information.

6. Write a reply

Hello Sami, thank you for inviting me to the science exhibition. Friday at two is fine. I'd love to come. See you at the library. Nabil.

Frequently asked questions

How do I write an invitation in English 3AC?

Invite with Would you like to...?, then give the event, day, time and place. Ask for a reply if needed.

What does I'd love to mean in an invitation reply?

It means I would love to. In this context it is a standard polite way to accept an activity invitation.

How can I decline without sounding rude?

Thank the person and say you cannot come. Add a brief reason if useful: Thank you, but I'm sorry I can't come.

Revision resource: follow the units, instructions and pace set by your teacher.

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