

ENGLISH 3AC · SEMESTER 2

Making suggestions: English 3AC communication

Make suggestions in English 3AC with let's, shall we and why don't we. Accept an idea or suggest another, using school and community examples.

Key points

- Use Let's + base verb: Let's read.
- Use Why don't we + base verb?
- Use What about + -ing? What about reading?

Learning goals

- Suggest an activity with a correct verb form.
- Respond positively or politely disagree.
- Give a practical reason for an alternative.

How do you make a suggestion in English?

A suggestion offers an idea for a shared activity. Let's clean the classroom is a simple suggestion. Let's means let us and is followed by a base verb. Shall we make a poster? and Why don't we make a poster? also offer an idea. These are questions, so finish them with a question mark.

Choose an activity that fits the situation. If your class wants to help the environment, Let's plant a tree is relevant. Let's watch a film may be grammatical, but it does not directly answer that particular task. Good communication needs a sensible idea as well as correct English.



The boys have a goal and several possible activities. Suggest one useful action and explain your choice.

What verb follows what about and how about?

Use a noun or an -ing form after What about...? or How about...?: What about a reading club? How about starting a reading club? Do not write What about start a club? In this pattern, starting is the correct form.

Compare Let's practise English with What about practising English? The meaning is similar, but the structures are different. Practise one pattern accurately before changing to another. In British spelling, practise is the verb and practice is the noun.

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THREE WAYS TO SUGGEST

The meaning is similar, but the verb pattern changes.

1 Let's + base verb

Let's make a poster.



2 Shall we + base verb?

Shall we make a poster?



3 What about + -ing?

What about making a poster?

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

The meaning is similar, but the verb pattern changes.

How do you accept or suggest an alternative?

To accept, say That's a good idea, Great idea or Yes, let's. To disagree politely, explain the problem and offer another idea: That sounds useful, but it is raining. Let's work in the library instead. Avoid a bare No when a short reason would help. An alternative should keep the same goal where possible.

A worked example

Planning a school project

Sami: Let's clean the school garden on Saturday. Nabil: That's a good idea, but I can't come on Saturday. What about working on Friday afternoon? Sami: Yes, let's ask the teacher first.

- Let's is followed by clean and ask, both base verbs.
- What about is followed by working.
- The alternative changes the time while keeping the project.

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KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Respond to the idea, then make the plan clearer.

- 1 Suggest
Let's clean the garden.
- ↓
- 2 Accept
That's a good idea.
- ↓
- 3 Offer an alternative
It is raining. Let's work indoors instead.

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

Respond to the idea, then make the plan clearer.

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. Let's

Complete: Let's ____ (make) a vocabulary poster.

2. What about

Complete: What about ____ (read) a short story?

3. A question

Put the words in order: we / shall / practise / English / ?

4. Accept an idea

Reply positively to: Let's start a reading club.

5. Offer another plan

It is raining. Change the suggestion Let's draw in the garden to a suitable indoor suggestion.

6. Two structures

Suggest making a poster with let's, then with how about.

Answers and explanations

1. Let's

Make. Use the base verb after let's.

2. What about

Reading. Use an -ing form after what about.

3. A question

Shall we practise English?

4. Accept an idea

That's a good idea. Yes, let's is another suitable answer.

5. Offer another plan

It is raining. Let's draw in the classroom instead. The alternative keeps the activity possible.

6. Two structures

Let's make a poster. How about making a poster? Notice make after let's and making after how about.

Frequently asked questions

How can I make a suggestion in English 3AC?

Use Let's + base verb, Shall we + base verb? or What about + -ing? For example, Let's read or What about reading?

Is let's to read correct?

No. Write Let's read. Do not put to after let's.

How do I disagree with a suggestion politely?

Give a brief reason and suggest another plan: I can't come on Friday. What about Saturday?

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

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