

The Weekend Social Mixer

Arranging and Navigating Social Dates

PART 01 Warm-Up Activity

- What is your idea of a "perfect" first date? (e.g., a quiet coffee, an expensive dinner, or an active hike?)
- Is it more difficult to ask someone out in person or via a messaging app? Why?

PART 02 The Scenario

You are attending a "Social Mixer" event. Your goal is to fill your calendar for next weekend. You want to go on at least two different outings (a coffee date, a movie, dinner, etc.), but you have a busy schedule and specific preferences.

Your Schedule & Preferences:

- **Friday Evening:** Busy (Gym/Work)
- **Saturday Afternoon:** Free
- **Saturday Evening:** Free
- **Sunday Morning:** Busy (Family)
- **Sunday Afternoon:** Free
- **Preferences:** You love coffee and movies. You don't like loud clubs or expensive restaurants.

THE TASK & GOAL

Fill your Saturday and Sunday with social plans by inviting different people at the mixer and responding to their invitations.

1. Walk around the room and start conversations with different partners.
2. Use polite language to ask someone if they are free during your available times.
3. If you are asked out but don't want to go (or are busy), use a polite way to turn down the date.
4. If you agree on a date, decide on a specific time and place to meet.
5. Continue until you have successfully booked two dates on your calendar.

ROLES & PERSPECTIVES

A: THE INVITER

You are looking for someone to go to a new indie film on Saturday night. You are nervous but want to be polite.

B: THE BUSY SOCIALITE

You are already seeing someone, but you are happy to meet new people "just as friends." You have to be careful how you phrase your responses.

REFERENCE Useful Language

ASKING SOMEONE OUT	SAYING YES	SAYING NO / TURNING DOWN
I was wondering if you'd like to...	I'd love to! Pick me up at...	That's really kind, but...
Do you fancy going for a...	That would be really nice.	I'm not really feeling a connection.
We should meet up sometime.	I thought you'd never ask!	I just like you as a friend.

PLANNING & NOTES

Plan your dialogue here

PART 03 Reflection

1. Which phrase felt the most natural when you wanted to say "no" to someone?
2. Was it easier to accept an invitation or to be the one asking?

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Target language practice.

⌚ TIME

30 MINS

📄 OBJECTIVE

To practice the functional language of inviting, accepting, and declining social invitations in a natural, fluid environment.

🏠 GRAMMAR FOCUS

POLITE REQUESTS AND INDIRECT QUESTIONS

- I was wondering if you'd like to go out
- Do you fancy going for a coffee?
- I was hoping you'd ask me.

📁 KEY VOCABULARY

FANCY

CONNECTION

SINGLE

MESSAGE

PICK ME UP

Procedure

1. **Warmer (5 mins):** Ask the class the warm-up questions. Elicit a few "dating disaster" or "success" stories to set the mood.
2. **The Task (15 mins):**
 - Distribute the worksheet.
 - Explain the "Mixer" concept. Students must stand up and move around.
 - Monitor the "Saying No" part specifically—ensure students are using the polite phrases from the source text (e.g., "I'm not really feeling a connection") rather than just saying "No, thanks."
3. **Feedback (10 mins):**
 - Ask: "Who managed to fill their whole weekend?"
 - Correction: Write any overheard errors on the board (especially regarding "fancy + -ing" or "I'd love to").
 - Discuss which phrases were most effective for maintaining a polite social atmosphere.