

Handy Holiday Helpers: Helpful Phrases for Making, Accepting and Refusing Invitations

It's the giving season, which for me lasts all year! I'd like to give you a new gift – a bit more confidence in English this holiday season!



Different ways of extending an invitation:

I'd love it if you could join us for cupcakes and coffee on Friday.

Are you free for a drink next Thursday?

How about coming round for tapas this weekend?

We would so love it if you could join us for disco bowling.

My sister is dying to meet you – can you come to our annual turkey hunt?

Fancy a round of golf on Sunday?

My wife and I would be thrilled if you could find the time to join us for gin and tonics on the deck of our yacht. (Our new one.)

Here are a few different ways to say 'Yes!':

Thanks so much for asking! I'd love to.

What a great idea, thanks! Just let me know where and when.

How lovely of you to think of me. I'd be delighted.

Great! Anything I can bring?

Awesome idea! I've always wanted to do/see/try that.

Thanks for inviting me!

I'd love that – anything I can do to help?

OMG drinks on your yacht? I think I can squeeze that in.

Can't make it? Here's how you can say 'No!'. Sad smiley face.

Thanks so much for asking, but I'm afraid I can't make it.

Oh, I'm so sorry, but I have a previous commitment.

I'd really love to join you, but my schedule's killing me these days.

Thank you for thinking of me, but I'm afraid I'm unavailable then. Maybe another time?

I'll have to take a raincheck on that one – my schedule's full. Let's shoot for another day?

I'd love to, but my schedule does not allow it at this time.

So bummed that I have to say no – let's meet up another time! Thanks for asking!

HAPPY HOLLY-DAZE!

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