

Exploring Invitations

Observe

Place each of the phrases below into one of the three categories: pre-invitation, invitation, or insistence

What are you doing this weekend?
 Would it help if we picked a different night?
 Any plans tonight?
 Would you be able to come to my house for dinner?
 What does your schedule look like next week?
 But, it's going to be great. Are you sure?
 I am having a dinner party and was hoping you could come.
 Well, if something changes we would really love to have you.

Pre-Invitation	Invitation	Insistence

Compare your answers with others in a small group. Then, clarify any phrases that you have questions about with the whole class.

As a whole class, think of a few more phrases for each category.

Analyze

Now, create an invitation sequence using the phrases from each category in English and in the language you're learning. Highlight pre-invitations in purple, invitations in yellow, and insistence in green.

English:

New Language:

Extend

Answer the following reflection questions.

1. Why do you think pre-invitations are used? Do they work in every language? In what contexts could they be considered rude?
2. How specific or vague can an invitation be? For example, do you need to include a specific time, place, or activity?
3. What are the contexts in which insistence can be rude or appropriate? How would you decide?

Now look for examples in the language you're learning of people inviting each other. Take notes below. As you observe more, feel free to modify your answer to the three questions above.

Invitation #1:

Context:

Notes on Pre-Invitations:

Notes on the Invitation:

Notes on Insistence:



Invitation #2:

Context:

Notes on Pre-Invitations:

Notes on the Invitation:

Notes on Insistence:

Invitation #3:

Context:

Notes on Pre-Invitations:

Notes on the Invitation:

Notes on Insistence: