UNIT 2

MAKE, ACCEPT AND REFUSE INVITATIONS

“Language Information”

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1. Making Invitations

We use some phrases to make invitations. They could be formal or informal, depending on the context.

Examples:

- I would like to invite you to have dinner next Sunday at my place.
- I was wondering if you'd like to come to have dinner on Wednesday evening.
- Would you like/care to have dinner with us on Saturday?
- What/How about dinner tonight?
- Let's go to our place for dinner.

With "Would you like..." we DO NOT use gerund (-ing) –

I would like TO STUDY (Correct)
I would like studying (INCORRECT)

2. Accepting Invitations

To accept an invitation we can use phrases like these:

- Thanks for your invitation. I'd be delighted to.
- Thank you. I'd love to.
- Yes, thanks. That would be great/wonderful.
- Sounds great/like fun.
- OK/All right.

They can be formal or informal.
3. Refusing Invitations

We can use these phrases to refuse an invitation.

- I'm awfully/terribly sorry. I have other plans for that night.
- I'd really like to, but I have an appointment that day.
- Thanks for asking, but I'm afraid I'm busy.
- I can't. I've got a lot of work to do.
- Sorry. I'm already tied up.

They can be formal or informal.

Culture note:

In the USA, it is okay to tell someone that you cannot accept his or her invitation (go to a party, lunch, have dinner, etc.). But when Americans refuse an invitation they usually give a reason why they cannot go.
REFERENCES:


http://amygerhisер.com/presentations/720/ch1/invitations/img7.html