

10B Make a date

Activity type: Writing/Speaking – Diary writing / Conversations – Whole class

Aim: To talk about / make arrangements with other people

Language: Present progressive for future free-time arrangements – Use any time after 10.3.

Preparation: Make one copy of Worksheet 1 for each learner. Make enough copies of Worksheet 2 for each learner to have at least one activity strip, and cut them up.

Time: 20–30 minutes

- 1 Give each learner one copy of the diary pages and at least one activity strip. Learners write in the diary three things they are ‘really’ doing this week (leisure activities, preferably).
- 2 Learners choose an appropriate day and time to do the activities on their activity strips and add them to the diary.
- 3 Tell learners that they need to find one or more people who are free to do their activities with them on the dates and at the times proposed. They also need to agree to other activities proposed by those they speak to. Tell them that they need to introduce the idea of a forthcoming activity by using the present progressive (*I’m going swimming on ...*) and then follow it up with an invitation. Remind learners how to invite someone (*‘Would you like to ...?’*; *‘Do you want to ...?’*) and how to accept/refuse (*‘That sounds great!’*; *I’d love to. / I’m sorry, I can’t, I’m ...ing on ...*).
- 4 Learners mingle and try to get one or more people to join them for their activities and agree to join in other activities they’d like to and are free to do.

Note

Learners can cancel an arrangement they have agreed to if they are invited to do something they would prefer and which is happening at the same time. However, they need to tell the person with whom they have arranged the first activity.

- 5 Learners compare their diaries in pairs and decide whose week looks more exciting.

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Diary pages

Monday		
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		
Tuesday		
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		
Wednesday		
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		
Thursday		
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		
Friday		
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		
Saturday		
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		
Sunday		
Morning		
Afternoon		
Evening		

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Activity strips



play (*name of sport _____*) (*Decide how many people you need.*)



go running (*Find one other person.*)

move house (*You need someone to help. Offer lunch afterwards.*)

walk in the country, have picnic lunch (*You need three to six people to join you.*)

cook lunch for a group of pensioners (*You need three people to help you.*)

go shopping (*You need someone to help you choose clothes for a party you are going to soon.*)

start an English conversation club (*with drinks and snacks*) (*Invite as many people as possible!*)

do a charity walk (*You want four people to join you.*)

have a dinner party (*Invite two to four people. Tell them what you are cooking?*)

go to a nightclub (*You want at least three people to join you.*)

go to the cinema (*What film is on?*)

go camping for a night (*Get a maximum of two people to join you.*)