Lesson 1: Would you like to join us?

1. Who is giving a birthday party?

2. When is the celebration?

3. Where is the party?

4. What time is the party?

5. How old is Lourdes’ son going to be?

6. Who is Barbara going to take?

7. Does Lourdes give Barbara an invitation card?

8. Is it a formal event?

9. Is Barbara taking her sister to the party?
Read the following passage carefully.

There are all types of invitations, from standard cards and notes to creative floral or craft projects that welcome guests to email invitations. No matter what their physical appearance, all party invitations can be broken down into three categories:

1. Formal: These invitations follow a prescribed formula for verse, layout, and formatting. Weddings, black-tie galas, and other ritual events frequently use formal invitations. Words such as “cordially invited” and “your presence is requested” are typically found on formal notes, and RSVPs are usually required.

2. Semi-Formal: Less structured than formal notes, semi-formal invitations still follow a standard format though the language is less elaborate and the note itself may be more colorful or humorous. Semi-formal notes are appropriate for parties, weddings, and other events where a response is required but hosts want their guests to know the event will be less rigid.

3. Casual: Casual invitations may be very simple, and they are often themed and color-coordinated to the event. Less information is usually printed on casual invitations – host names, dress codes, etc. are usually not included. Many casual notes are hand-written, and may include events such as birthdays, graduation parties, surprise parties, or showers.

The key to choosing a proper invitation is to find one that matches the tone of the party itself. An extremely formal, traditional invitation is not appropriate for a five-year-old princess birthday sleepover, and likewise a martini-glass shaped lime green note is not appropriate for a black-tie evening wedding. The invitation is the first hint guests receive about the tone of the event, and matching the type of invitation to the event itself helps guests gauge what to expect.

Answer the following questions according to the previous passage.

1. How many categories of party invitations are there? _________________________

2. Which invitations are often theme and color coordinated for the event? _________________________

3. Which invitations follow a prescribed formula verse and layout? _________________________

4. Which invitations are less structured than formal notes? _________________________

5. Which invitations include words such as cordially invited? _________________________

6. Which invitations are mostly hand-written? _________________________

7. Which is the key to choosing a proper invitation card? _________________________

8. What is the hint that guest receive about the tone of the event? _________________________

9. Why is so important match the type of invitation to the event? _________________________
Lesson 2: When and where will it be?

1. Activity

Unscramble the following celebration words, and then write one original sentence for each word.

1. yadhtrib ________________________
   ________________________________
2. yrasrevinna ______________________
   ________________________________
3. noitaudarg ______________________
   ________________________________
4. gniddew ______________________
   ________________________________
5. msitpab _________________________
   ________________________________
6. rewosh ybab _____________________
   ________________________________
7. ytrap s’rolechba __________________
   ________________________________
8. typart weest _____________________
   ________________________________
9. Ytrap rennid. ____________________
   ________________________________
10. ytrap emoclew. _________________
    ________________________________

2. Activity

Read the following invitation card carefully.

Surprise!!!
Shhhhh!
Keep it down…. it’s a surprise party for Victor and Alice’s 10th wedding anniversary!
February 14th at 8:00 p.m.
The Love Boat Restaurant
Cupid Avenue,
Santa Ana, San Salvador
RSVP to Claudia at 7766-3344

Answer the following questions according to the invitation card above.

1. When is the celebration?
   ________________________________
2. What kind of party is it?
   ________________________________
3. Who is having this celebration?
   ________________________________
4. Where is it?
   ________________________________
5. What time is it?
   ________________________________
6. Who is your contact?
   ________________________________
Lesson 3: Do you want me to go to the party?

1. Activity

Answer the following polite invitations.

1. Would you please bring the wine on Saturday? We’ll celebrate Rick’s arrival.

2. Could you join us on Friday night? Mark’s back from Canada and we’re having a barbecue.

3. Would you like to join us on Sunday? We’re having a barbecue in the garden.

4. Would you care to join us on Saturday night? We’re celebrating Mike’s return from Australia.

5. Do you want to join us on Saturday? We’re having a tea party.

6. Would your mind locking the door when you leave? I feel safer that way.

2. Activity

Read the following conversation carefully.

A: Hi, Karla. Congratulations! This is nice baby shower.
B: Hello, Fiona. Thanks for coming. Please, come on in!
A: Thanks a lot. Wow! Is it all you can eat meal?
B: Yes, it is. Would you like something to eat or drink now? What do you want me to bring you?
A: Sorry to bother you, Karla.
B: It’s okay. You are my best friend.
A: By the way, Karla, these presents are from my family to you.
B: Thank you so much. Can you give me a hand putting them in that pink box, please?
A: Of course, right away!
B: Sorry to leave you, but I have other guests to greet.
A: Don’t worry about it. We’ll talk later.
B: Why don’t you sit down and talk with mother over there.
A: That’s a good idea.

Answer the questions according to the previous conversation.

1. What kind of celebration is this?

2. Whose celebration is it? or Who is the party for?

3. What does Fiona bring to this event?

4. Who is Fiona going to talk with?

5. Where is Fiona going to put the gifts?
Choose the correct pronoun, and then rewrite the statements.

1. Mike gives (him/his) the invitation for the wedding party.

2. Tomas sends (them/their) the email.

3. Mario invites (me/I) to the graduation party.

4. I take (her/she) to your birthday party.

5. We buy (their/them) for the party.

6. Marcus and Rocio gave (our/us) some red wine.

7. The bartender prepared (me/she) some tropical drinks.

8. They will take (him/his) some pictures in his graduation.

9. My father send (their/them) pair of jeans and shoes.

10. I brought to (her/she) a golden ring and matching earings.

11. If you want to say something to (I/me), do it quickly because I´m in a hurry.

12. It´s not right to talk about (he/him) when he´s not present.
Lesson 4: Do you agree?

Activity

Read the following article entitled, “How to Agree to Disagree” carefully.

Discussions about religion, politics, abortion, same-sex marriage and other hot button issues can be tricky. Instead of getting heated and arguing until you are blue in the face, keep telling yourself to agree to disagree on certain topics. This way you can have lively debates without letting them get personal.

- Step 1: Be a good sport. In an argument or debate, keep a friendly mind-set. Though some issues may be incredibly important to you, like your religious beliefs, understand that everyone has the right to their own opinion. If everyone believed the same thing life would get boring.

- Step 2: Stay calm in the face of a debate. Agree to disagree with someone who is able to intelligently converse with you about tough subjects. Keep your cool and simply swap ideas with this person instead of letting it get ugly.

- Step 3: Use honesty above all. People will tend to throw up their hands and plead that there is no winning or losing the argument when they have clearly lost. This tends to happen to those who have not fully researched or thought out their opinion on the subject. If you find yourself in a situation like this, simply be honest with the other person and let them know you have to do some research before continuing.

- Step 4: Respect the other person. In a debate, friendly or otherwise, if the person states that you should just agree to disagree, accept it—even if you think they are saying so to avoid admitting defeat.

- Step 5: Understand that you can’t change a mind that does not want to change. Some people will be open to new ways of thinking, and others are steadfast in their beliefs and cling to them as though their lives depended on it. Take this fact to heart, and it will help you be a better debater.

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Discussions about religion, politics, abortion, same-sex marriage and other hot button issues can be tricky.
   True / False

2. If everyone believed the same things life would get exciting.
   True / False

3. Keep your cool and simply swap ideas with someone who wants to argue instead of letting it get ugly.
   True / False

4. Some people will not be open to new ways of thinking, and others are steadfast in their beliefs.
   True / False

5. People won’t tend to throw up their hands and plead that there is no winning or losing the argument when they have clearly lost.
   True / False
Lesson 5: What are you going to do this weekend?

1. Activity

Read the following conversation carefully

A: Hi! Rigo. Happy Valentine’s Day!
B: Hi, Jeannette, thank you. Happy Valentine’s Day, too!
A: Do you have any plans for this weekend?
B: No, why?
A: Because I’m planning to go to the port at Acajutla on Saturday. Would you like to join us?
B: Yeah! That sounds good, and who are you going to go with?
A: Well, I’m going to go with my family.
B: Wow! I’ll go with you.
A: But it is a Dutch party.
B: Oh, come on, Jeannette. You know I do not work.
A: You know I don’t work either. But your parents send you money from the U.S.
B: Yes. You’re right! I’m going to go with you.
A: Okay. We’re going to get together in front of my apartment at 5 a.m.
B: No problem. I will be more than ready!

Answer the following questions according to the previous conversation.

1. Who does not have any plans for this weekend?

2. Where are they going to go?

3. Who is Jeannette going to take?

4. What kind of invitation is this?

5. Where do Rigo’s parents live?

2. Activity

Answer the following questions with your own information.

1. Are you going to the beach on Mother’s Day?

2. Is your family going to celebrate Christmas Eve?

3. Where are your parents going to go on Independence Day?

4. Who is going to go to the USA this year?

5. What are you going to do on New Year’s Day?
Activity 3

Write original sentences using “going to” plus the following phrases.

1. go to the stadium/ next month
   ________________________________

2. practice a sport/ next year
   ________________________________

3. get a new job/ the month after next
   ________________________________

4. go to the beach/ Saturday morning
   ________________________________

5. study English/ the day after tomorrow
   ________________________________

6. travel to another country/ a week from today
   ________________________________

7. celebrate your birthday/ next Sunday
   ________________________________

8. go to a concert/ next year
   ________________________________

9. have a date/ a month from today
   ________________________________

10. rest at home / on next vacation
    ________________________________

Activity 4

Write corresponding questions to the following answers.

1. ________________________________
   ________________________________?
   To La Union.

2. ________________________________
   ________________________________?
   With my sister and brother.

3. ________________________________
   ________________________________?
   Yes, I am going to go there.

4. ________________________________
   ________________________________?
   No, they are not going to buy that.

5. ________________________________
   ________________________________?
   They’re going to celebrate it next month.