

Speaking Card 31

Going to the Cinema

Language: Making Suggestions; Saying Yes and No to Suggestions

MAKING PLANS

Ann (AmE): Hi, Ben. How are you?

Ben (BrE): I'm fine. How are you?

Ann: Good, thanks. What are your plans for this weekend?

Ben: Not much. What about you?

Ann: Well, I'd like to see a movie (AmE). Would you like to go to the movie theater (AmE) with me on Saturday night?

Ben: Sure, that sounds great. What film (BrE) would you like to see?

Ann: We could see the new *X-Men* movie.

Ben: I'm sorry, I don't really like superhero films. What about the *Angry Birds* film? It should be fun.

Ann: Okay. That's a great idea.

Ben: What time shall we meet? The film starts at 6:30pm.

Ann: Let's meet at 6:00 in front of the movie theater (AmE). Does that sound good?

Ben: Perfect. I'll see you at the cinema (BrE).

AT THE CINEMA

Cashier: Welcome to Cinema City. How can I help you?

Ben: We'd like two tickets to *Angry Birds* please.

Cashier: No problem. Shall I give you these two seats in the front?

Ann: Can we sit in the middle or the back, maybe around row 15?

Cashier: I'm sorry. Row 15 is full.

Ben: Then let's sit in row 14, in seats 8 and 9?

Cashier: Sure, those two are free. It will be 10 euro*.

Cashier: Here are the tickets. Enjoy the film.

Ben and Ann: Thank you.

*plural euro or euros

HANDY PHRASES

How to Ask Somebody about His / Her Free Time

Are you free on ...? / What are your plans for this weekend? / What are you doing on...?

Suggesting an Activity

Why don't we go to the cinema / the theatre / for a hike?

Let's go shopping / watch a film / go swimming.

We could watch a comedy / horror film.

Shall we go out to eat?

Would you like to see a movie?

What do you think about going out for a walk?

Why don't we + verb?

Let's + verb

We could + verb

Shall we + verb (BrE or formal)?

Would you like + to + verb?

What do you think about + [verb]-ing?

Saying Yes

That sounds good / fine.

That's a brilliant idea.

Wonderful / Great.

Yes, I'd love to.

Sure / OK.

Saying No

Well, I don't really like...
I'm not sure...

Could we do something else instead?

What about... / How about...

I would love to, but...

I'm sorry, but I can't. I'm busy then.



Action Movie



Romantic Comedy



Animated Movie

Task 1

Role-play a dialogue with your partner. Use the photos above. Choose a film / activity / time and place to meet.

- A** When is student B free? Suggest watching a film at home.
- B** Say no to the suggestion and suggest going to the cinema.
- A** Suggest a film from the pictures (7–9) on the card.
- B** Say no to the suggestion, suggest a different film.
- A** Agree and suggest a place and time to meet.
- B** Agree
- A** Agree

Task 2

Describe pictures 3 and 4. Where were the pictures taken? What are the people doing?

- A** Can you improvise a conversation between the people and the cashier?
- B** How would you order some food or drink at the cinema? What questions do you think the cashier will ask?