

Unit 4 Phone Conversation

Part 1 In-depth Reading



Suggested reading time: 10 mins

Eddie and his cousin are talking on the phone.

Eddie : Hello! Eddie speaking.

Jack : Hello, Eddie. It's me, your cousin Jack!

Eddie : Oh, hi, Jack! How are you?

Jack : I'm fine, thanks. Have you got any plans for your Easter holiday? My family and I want to visit you at Easter.

Eddie : That's great! We haven't got any plans yet. Shall we go to the cinema together? After that, we can **either** go cycling **or** go hiking.

Jack : My dad likes **neither** cycling **nor** hiking. **How about going** to the beach?

Eddie : I like swimming. But **neither** Mum **nor** Chloe can swim.

Jack : Hmm... **How about doing** some volunteer work? We can visit Grandpa John and his friends at his elderly home.

Eddie : Good idea! We can also hand out some gifts to the elders there!

Jack : Great! I'll contact the staff. What else do you think we can do with the elders?

Eddie : We can sing songs and play games with them. Let's discuss what we can give to them first.

Jack : Hey, I'm going out for lunch now. Please ask Chloe if she has any ideas. I'll call you again later.

Eddie : Sure. Let's talk later. Bye, Jack.

Beginning

- Greet the receiver and introduce yourself
- State the purpose of the call

Middle

- Tell something in detail
- Make suggestions and exchange ideas

Short replies & short forms

Use informal language, e.g. 'Sure', 'It's OK'

Ending

- Conclude the phone call
- Tell the receiver what you are going to do
- End the conversation politely with 'Bye' or 'See you / Talk to you later'

LEARN THIS SKILL

We often use these *formulaic expressions* at the beginning of a phone conversation:

A: May I speak to (a person's name), please?

B: (The person's name) speaking.

B: Sure, please hang on (=please wait).

ABC Choose the Best Answers

- Why does Jack call Eddie? **Beginning**
 - A. He misses Eddie.
 - B. He wants to help old people.
 - C. He wants to go to the beach with Eddie.
 - D. He is planning to visit Eddie with his family.
- Which of the following is a short reply? **Short replies**
 - A. 'How're you?'
 - B. 'I like swimming.'
 - C. 'Great!'
 - D. 'Hello, Eddie!'

? Fill in the Blanks

- What outdoor activities does Eddie suggest doing at Easter? **Body**
He suggests going _____ or _____ at Easter.
- How does Eddie end this phone conversation? **Ending**
He ends this phone conversation by saying 'Let's _____'.
- The phrasal verb ' _____ ' in the phone conversation means 'to give something to each person in a group'. **Word choice**

🔍 Know More about the Structure

Write 1–6 in the boxes to put the phone conversation content in the correct order.

Eddie greets Jack over the phone.

Jack says he and his family want to visit Eddie at Easter.

Eddie says goodbye to Jack.

Eddie agrees to do voluntary work together.

Jack suggests going to the beach.

Jack promises to call back later.

Part 2 Fun Text Grammar



Suggested finishing time: 5 mins



Magic Grammar Points

We can use 'either...or...' to link two positive ideas and 'neither...nor...' to link two negative ideas.



'Either...or' and 'neither...nor' can link two subjects, verbs or objects. The verb(s) should agree with the closest subject.

Students can	either	stay at school	or	go home.	
We must	neither	eat	nor	drink	on trains.
Neither	Mum	nor	Chloe	knows how to swim.	

Ex. Read the table and complete the sentences with the correct words.

make models	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smartie
play basketball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eddie	-	-
do puzzles	-	-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smartie

- _____ Chloe _____ Smartie can play basketball.
- Neither _____ can do puzzles.
- Smartie may either _____ tonight.



Practical Sentence Patterns

We can use 'How about + '-ing'' to make suggestions.

e.g. Tomorrow is a holiday. **How about going** on a picnic together?

Ex. Fill in the blanks and write the correct letters in the circles.

1. It's really hot today.



2. I'm hungry.



3. I want to keep fit.



A. How about _____ (have)
_____ a cold drink?

B. How about _____ (do)
_____ some exercise?

C. _____ (eat)
_____ some snacks?



Part 3 Getting to Write

 Suggested finishing time: 10 mins

Brain Boost

Eddie and Chole are thinking about what to prepare. Read what they think.



We should choose the things which are easy to make and useful in everyday life.



Let's Practise

Eddie is talking to his sister Chloe on the phone. Complete their conversation with the help of the above information.

Eddie : ① _____ ! It's Eddie.

How does Eddie greet Chloe?

Chloe : Hi, Eddie. What's up?

Eddie : Jack and I plan to visit Grandpa John and other elders at the elderly home at Easter. Are you coming with us?

Reply in short with a 4-letter word.

Chloe : ② _____ ! I haven't seen Grandpa John for a long time.

Eddie : So... What can we give to the ③ _____ there?

Fill in the blank with a 6-letter word.

Chloe : Umm... ④ _____ some crafts for them? We can ⑤ _____ make photo frames _____ make coin purses.

How to make suggestions? Include the correct form of 'make'.

Eddie : It's a good idea!

Chloe : ⑥ _____ They are easy to make.

Which pair of words do you write, 'either...or' or 'neither...nor'?

Eddie : Great! But ⑦ _____ I _____ (be) good at making crafts. Please tell us what to do.

Chloe : Alright! I'm free this weekend so I can show you ⑧ _____ on Saturday _____ on Sunday.

How does Eddie end the conversation?

Eddie : Thanks, Chloe! ⑨ _____ !