

## A text message invitation

Learn how to write a text message invitation to a friend.

### Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and tips and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Match the longer phrases (a–f) with the short phrases (1–6).

#### Short phrases

1. .... IDK/idk
2. .... msg me
3. .... LOL/lol
4. .... Cool!
5. .... tho
6. .... Want to meet?

#### Longer phrases

- a. laughing out loud
- b. I don't know
- c. though
- d. Send me a message.
- e. Do you want to meet?
- f. That's great! / That's fine!

### Reading text: A text message invitation

Hey! Want to meet for a drink after work?

Late as always 😞

OK. Where do you want to go?

Good point.

I'll think of somewhere to eat.

I know what you're like when you're hungry! 😊

Cool, what time do you finish?

Me too. Msg me when you leave

IDK. I might be hungry tho

LOL, I'm not that bad!

Don't worry. We can meet at the bus stop and decide then.

👍 See you later

## Tips

1. You don't need to write complete sentences.
2. You can use abbreviations like *LOL* (= laugh out loud) or *IDK* (= I don't know) to save time.
3. Use emojis 😊 to add feelings.
4. You don't need to use full stops (.) at the end of messages.

## Tasks

### Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	<b>Answer</b>	
1. This is a formal conversation about work.	True	False
2. They will both finish work late.	True	False
3. This is the first time they are working late.	True	False
4. They know what time they will meet.	True	False
5. They are going to have a drink.	True	False
6. They are not going to eat.	True	False
7. They know where they will meet.	True	False
8. They will send more messages before they meet tonight.	True	False

## Task 2

Write a number (1–7) to put the messages in order to make a conversation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alex See you later. Work hard 😊

\_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Hey. Cool, what time?

\_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Now??? I'm still at work!

\_\_\_\_\_ Alex I can wait. Msg me when you leave?

\_\_\_\_\_ Alex Hey Jamie, want to go for dinner?

\_\_\_\_\_ Jamie OK! See you later

\_\_\_\_\_ Alex Right now lol

## Task 3

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

emojis	abbreviations	full stops	sentences
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1. For text messages, you don't need to write complete .....
2. You can use ..... like *LOL* or *IDK* to save time.
3. Use ..... to add feelings.
4. You don't need to use ..... (.) at the end of messages.

## Discussion

Do you send lots of text messages or do you prefer to speak to friends to make plans?

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. b
2. d
3. a
4. f
5. c
6. e

### Task 1

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. True
8. True

### Task 2

1. **Alex:** Hey Jamie, want to go for dinner?
2. **Jamie:** Hey. Cool, what time?
3. **Alex:** Right now lol
4. **Jamie:** Now??? I'm still at work!
5. **Alex:** I can wait. Msg me when you leave?
6. **Jamie:** OK! See you later
7. **Alex:** See you later. Work hard 😊

### Task 3

1. sentences
2. abbreviations
3. emojis
4. full stops