



---

## Mini Lesson 068 - Making Suggestions with 'Why Don't We' and 'How About'

Making suggestions is an important part of communication. We can use phrases like "Why don't we" and "How about" to propose ideas to others. These phrases help us to suggest activities or actions in a friendly way.

### When to use:

- "Why don't we" is often used to suggest something that we think the other person might enjoy or benefit from.
  - Example: "Why don't we go to the park this weekend?"
- "How about" is used to offer an idea or an alternative.
  - Example: "How about we watch a movie tonight?"

### Structure:

- For "Why don't we":
  - **Affirmative:** Why don't we + base verb
  - Example: "Why don't we have a picnic?"
- For "How about":
  - **Affirmative:** How about + verb-ing / noun?
  - Example: "How about going to the beach?"





## Exercises:

### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Choose "Why don't we" or "How about" to complete the sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ we visit the museum this Saturday?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you help me with my homework after school?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ we try that new restaurant tonight?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ going for a hike this weekend?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ we join the art club together?

### Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentences using "Why don't we" or "How about."

1. Let's go to the zoo.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ we go to the zoo?
2. I think we should have a study group.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ we have a study group?
3. I suggest playing soccer.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ playing soccer?
4. We could go to the beach.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ go to the beach?
5. It would be great to watch a concert.  
- \_\_\_\_\_ watching a concert?





---

### Section 3: Choose the Correct Phrase

Circle the correct phrase to complete each suggestion.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ we order pizza for dinner? (Why don't we / How about)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ going to the mall this weekend? (Why don't we / How about)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ we play a board game this evening? (Why don't we / How about)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ trying that new café? (Why don't we / How about)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ you visit the library with me? (Why don't we / How about)

### Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Complete the conversation using "Why don't we" or "How about" in the blanks.

A: What should we do after school?

B: \_\_\_\_\_ we go to the park?

A: That sounds fun!

B: \_\_\_\_\_ we bring some snacks with us?

A: Yes! And \_\_\_\_\_ we invite our friends to join us?

B: Great idea! Let's ask everyone!

### Section 5: Make Your Own Suggestions

Write three suggestions using "Why don't we" and three using "How about."

1. Why don't we \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Why don't we \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Why don't we \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. How about \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. How about \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. How about \_\_\_\_\_ ?





**Answers:**

**Section 1:**

1. How about
2. Could you
3. Why don't we
4. How about
5. Why don't we

**Section 2:**

1. Why don't we go to the zoo?
2. How about we have a study group?
3. How about playing soccer?
4. Why don't we go to the beach?
5. How about watching a concert?

**Section 3:**

1. Why don't we
2. How about
3. Why don't we
4. How about
5. Why don't we

**Section 4:**

1. How about
2. Why don't we
3. Why don't we

**Section 5:**

(Answers will vary based on students' creativity and ideas. Ensure they follow the structures given.)

