

Functions 2

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Explanations

This unit practises the following functions and possible responses.

Things to say on special occasions or at special moments

Asking for and giving an opinion

Pausing to think

Asking for permission

Giving and refusing permission

Expressing preferences

Promising

Reassuring

Recommending

Refusing to do something

Making and responding to a request

Suggesting

Thanking

Key points

- 1 Our choice of words depends on the situation, our relationship with the person we are talking to, and what we are talking about.
- 2 We should respond in an appropriate way, informally or politely, depending on all the things mentioned in point 1, and also on how the other person speaks to us first.
- 3 If we do not use polite forms there is a risk that the other person will think we are being rude. We may not get the result from the conversation that we want.