

invitations

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Spanish Steps

Stage 4: Una invitación

Kevin Duala receives an invitation to have lunch with his friend Emilio. See whether he accepts or not and discover how to extend an invitation as well as how to accept and refuse.

When you've watched the slideshow, have a look at the *Grammar tip* on **Quieres** and **Puedo**, then do the interactive activities. If you click on *More*, you'll find further activities and information.

Key language

¿Quieres ...? Do you fancy ...?

Pásate para almorzar Come and have lunch (with us)

Gracias por la invitación Thanks for the invitation

Me encantaría... I would love to ...

¡Estupendo! Great!

Te veo I'll see you

Lo siento I'm sorry

No puedo I can't

Useful vocabulary

el mensaje message

el cine cinema

la película film

la invitación invitation

bailar to dance

aproximadamente about

hoy today

mañana tomorrow

Learning hint

'Little and often' is a good watchword when learning a new language.

Spending just a short time on your Spanish every day will be more effective than a mammoth session once a week. It doesn't have to involve sitting down with a computer or a book; a conscious effort to focus on Spanish can be a great way of using 'dead' time in waiting rooms, queues or traffic jams. Try visualising images from Spanish Steps and recalling the related language. Or using car number plates to focus on the alphabet and numbers.

Quiz

1. If a friend answers **Vale** to your invitation, is he accepting or refusing?
2. To invite someone for a drink, which of these would you use? **¿Puedes tomar algo?** or **¿Quieres tomar algo?**
3. Which of the following would you *not* use to turn down an invitation: a) **Lo siento**; b) **Me encantaría**; c) **No puedo hoy** ?
4. You overhear someone saying to the hotel receptionist **¿Puedo llamar por teléfono?** What does she want?
5. How would you say to friend 'I'll see you about 2 o'clock'?
6. A friend asks you to go to the cinema and you want more information. How would you ask in Spanish what the film is?

Answers on www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/answers.shtml