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I'm starving = I'm very hungry

When we asked Jim why he ordered two steaks, he said, "I'm starving."

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**flag down (the waiter/waitress) =
get the attention of the
waiter/waitress**

You want another glass of wine?
Let's flag down the waitress.

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Why don't we/you/I + verb ?

Why don't we **go** out for pizza?

Why don't I **drive** you to the airport on Friday?

Why don't we **get** out to dinner on Saturday?

Why don't you **call** them?

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I'll be right with you = I'm coming in
a minute

"I'll be right with you," said the
waitress when she saw me waving
to her.

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hold up = delay; long wait

We ordered 20 minutes ago. What's **causing** the hold up?

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**packed to the rafters = really
crowded**

Beth's Bistro is always packed to the rafters on Saturday nights. If we want to go there, we'd better make reservations.

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Can I start you off with sth = Would you like to start your meal with sth

Welcome to Amici's. Can I start you off with some drinks?

John: I'd like the Sam Adams
Summer Ale.

Tanya: Make it two.

Kevin: And did you decide on some
appetizers?

**make it two = I'll have one too; I'll
have the same thing**

I'll take a cappuccino.

Make it two.

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decide on = choose

"Did you decide on a main course yet?" asked the waitress.

John: We're going to **skip the appetizers** tonight. What do you recommend for a main course?

Kevin: We're known for our seafood. The salmon with black bean sauce is our most popular dish.

**skip the appetizers = not order
appetizers**

We're not that hungry, so we're
going to skip the appetizers?

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**known for = famous for; having a
reputation for**

Chicago is known for its delicious
pizza.

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**in the mood for = want; have an
appetite for**

Let's go to a seafood restaurant. I'm
in the mood for fish.

Tanya: Okay, I'll try that.

Kevin: Excellent choice. And for you, sir?

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pride yourselves on = be known for

San Francisco prides itself on its fine restaurants.

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**surf and turf = a meal containing
both meat and seafood**

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How about verb + ing

How about **going** sailing this weekend?

How about **inviting** the Smiths over for a barbeque?

How about **studying** some French before our trip to Paris?

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**the best of both worlds =
the advantages of two things**

Waitressing in the evenings gives Sue the best of both worlds: she can attend classes during the day and still earn money.

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Let's go with = I'll take

You recommend the Chardonnay?

Okay, let's go with that.

let's + verb

Let's **take** a walk on the beach.

Let's **work** on the project tomorrow.

Let's **wait** and see how the weather is before making our plans.

Let's **get** tickets to a Broadway play.

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**on the house = free; paid for by the
restaurant**

The waitress offered us after-dinner drinks on the house.

You are a waiter (or waitress) at Anita's Restaurant. Choose the appropriate replies to your customers (remember: be polite — you like your job and want to keep it!):

1) Customer: "You guys are packed to the rafters tonight."

Your reply:

- a) "Yes, there's plenty of seating available."
- b) "Yes, we can seat you up in the rafters if you want."
- c) "Yes, I'm afraid there's going to be a 30 minute wait for a table."**

2) Customer: "We've been waiting forever for you to come and take our order!"

Your reply:

- a) "Sorry about that. Let me get you some drinks on the house."**
- b) "You still haven't decided? I'll come back in a few minutes."
- c) "Sorry. I was busy helping everybody who came in after you."

3) Customer: "We're going to skip the appetizers tonight."

Your reply:

- a) "The calamari is our best appetizer."
- b) "Okay, have you decided on a main course?"**
- c) "Okay, should I just bring the dessert menus?"

4) Customer: "I hope your portions are big. I'm starving!"

Your reply:

a) "Then I suggest our house salad. It's very light."

b) "I recommend just getting an appetizer then."

c) "I suggest the lasagna. It's a very large serving."

5) Customer: "What do you suggest? I'm in the mood for fish."

Your reply:

a) "Try the filet mignon. It's our best steak."

b) "The stuffed chicken special is excellent."

c) "Try the blackened tuna. It's delicious."

6) Customer: "I hear you pride yourselves on your steak."

Your reply:

a) "Yes, we're very proud of our steak."

b) "Yes, we do have steak on the menu."

c) "Yes, our customers are proud to order our steak."

7) Customer: "I can't decide between the fish and the steak."

Your reply:

- a) "Then I suggest you spend more time thinking about it."
 - b) "Then I suggest you try our vegetarian special."
 - c) "Then I suggest the surf and turf."
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8) Customer: "I've been trying to flag you down for the past 10 minutes. Didn't you see me waving?"

Your reply:

- a) "Yes, I saw you but I thought you were just saying hello."
 - b) "No, I'm sorry I didn't notice. It's very crowded here tonight."
 - c) "No, but I saw you raising your hand."
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9) Customer: "Why did you bring us both glasses of red wine? My wife asked for white wine."

Your reply:

- a) "I thought she said, 'make it two' when you asked for a glass of white wine."
 - b) "I thought she said, 'make it two' when you asked for a glass of red wine."
 - c) "I thought you said, 'a glass of red wine for me and a glass of white wine for her.'"
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10) Customer: "We've been waiting 45 minutes for our meals. What's the hold up?"

Your reply:

- a) "Sorr. Your meals will be right out."
- b) "There's no hold up. Everything is fine."
- c) "You got to the restaurant late."

**Turn the following phrases into suggestions using:
why don't we / how about / let's:**

Example:

watch a Woody Allen movie
(why don't we)

Answer: Why don't we watch a Woody Allen movie?

1) eat lunch at the mall
(let's)

2) look for a birthday present for Marina
(why don't we)

3) get some burritos for dinner
(how about)

4) visit the Picasso exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum
(let's)

5) go to Martha's Vineyard in July
(why don't we)

6) get a subscription to *New York* magazine
(let's)

7) show me how to use Skype
(how about)

8) see a performance at Carnegie Hall
(why don't we)

9) order Korean food for dinner
(why don't we)

10) go to Italy this summer
(let's)

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