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- We can use *shall, can* and *could* to suggest something: *Shall we go out? We can go and see a film. We could go to a restaurant.* (*could* = less sure)
- We can also use expressions like these to make suggestions: *Let's go skating. Why don't we try that new Chinese restaurant? How/What about having a picnic at the weekend if the weather's fine?* (*How/What about* = informal)

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*Let's go for a walk in the country tomorrow.*  
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- 2 Do you want me to lend you a good pair of walking shoes? (shall)  
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- 3 I'd like to go to the Lake District. (how about)  
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- 4 A good way to get there is by bus. (could)  
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- 5 I can find out the bus times, if you like. (I'll)  
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- 6 I suggest we stay the weekend. (why don't we)  
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- 7 Do you think it's a good idea to take a tent and camp? (shall)  
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- 8 I'd like us to stay in a youth hostel. (what about)  
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