

This month's Everyday English (pages 49–50) features the everyday words and phrases you need when you're **STAYING IN** to have a quiet evening at home. Practise this language in the following exercises.

1. I don't want to go out

medium

Choose the right form of the verb "go" to complete these sentences.

- a) I don't want **to go / going** out.
- b) I don't fancy **to go / going** out.
- c) I'm too tired **to go / going** out.
- d) I don't feel like **to go / going** out.
- e) I can't be bothered **to go / going** out.
- f) I'm not in the mood for **to go / going** out.
- g) I'd prefer not **to go / going** out.



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2. Awesome adjectives

medium

For each of the everyday adjectives in bold in the sentences below, find an equivalent.

awesome • **cosy** • **freezing** • **knackered** • **trashy**

- a) I don't want to go out. It's **cold** out there. _____
- b) Let's stay in. It's **warm and dry** indoors. _____
- c) Let's watch that show on TV. It's **great!** _____
- d) Let's watch a **low-quality** film. _____
- e) Let's have an early night. I'm **tired**. _____

3. What do they want to do?

medium

Match each person's words to the activity that he or she wants to do in the evening.

a) "Are you sitting on the remote control?"	<input type="text" value="a =>"/>	1. Buy something on eBay.
b) "Do you want to keep score?"	<input type="text" value="b =>"/>	2. Do some sewing.
c) "Have you chosen something off the menu?"	<input type="text" value="c =>"/>	3. Drink a glass of wine.
d) "Have you seen the corkscrew?"	<input type="text" value="d =>"/>	4. Order a takeaway.
e) "Look what I found at the library today!"	<input type="text" value="e =>"/>	5. Play cards or a board game.
f) "Oh, dear! I think I've lost a needle somewhere."	<input type="text" value="f =>"/>	6. Read a book.
g) "Oh, good! I'm still the highest bidder."	<input type="text" value="g =>"/>	7. Watch television or a DVD.

4. Ordering a takeaway

easy

A man phones an Indian restaurant to order a takeaway. Put the conversation in the right order.

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| a) ● In about 20 minutes. | <input type="text" value="a"/> |
| b) ● Dil Raj. Good evening! | <input type="text" value="b"/> |
| c) ○ Great! I'll see you later, then. Thank you. | <input type="text" value="c"/> |
| d) ○ Hello! Could I order a takeaway, please? | <input type="text" value="d"/> |
| e) ○ Yes, of course, sir. What would you like? | <input type="text" value="e"/> |
| f) ○ Oh, yes — a couple of poppadoms, please. When can I come and collect it? | <input type="text" value="f"/> |
| g) ● OK. Any side orders with that, sir? | <input type="text" value="g"/> |
| h) ○ One chicken korma, one lamb shashlik and two portions of rice pilaf, please. | <input type="text" value="h"/> |

5. Let's stay in

advanced

Replace the colloquial expressions in this conversation with the more standard alternatives below.

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| 1. bath | 6. in the middle | <input type="text" value="a"/> |
| 2. cancelling without a good reason | 7. pyjamas | <input type="text" value="b"/> |
| 3. even if it is an attractive idea | 8. really don't want to | <input type="text" value="c"/> |
| 4. fall asleep | 9. relax | <input type="text" value="d"/> |
| 5. if there isn't | 10. think of, invent | <input type="text" value="e"/> |
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- I (a) **can't face** going out tonight.
 - We've arranged to meet your sister. We can't just not go, (b) **tempting though it is!**
 - No. I'll text her and make an excuse. I'll (c) **come up with** something.
 - Well, she's always (d) **crying off** at the last minute, so don't worry too much.
 - I just want to have a nice (e) **soak in the tub**, put my (f) **jimjams** on and (g) **veg out** in front of the telly.
 - We could watch that DVD that came free with the newspaper, (h) **for want of** anything better. Though knowing you, you'll (i) **nod off** about (j) **halfway through**.
 - I don't know what you mean.

6. Going out or staying in?

advanced

Which phrases are about going out and which are about staying in?

- | | Going out | Staying in |
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| a) We're going to paint the town red. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) I want to slob about this evening. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Let's chill! | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) I want to go out on the razzle. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |