Plan a family get-together



Use AI to plan the food, the timings and a to-do list for a family gathering, then check it works for everyone.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- give AI the details it needs to plan
- use AI to make a to-do list and timetable
- check the plan for mistakes and missed needs

Warm-up What makes a good family gathering?

Talk about it with your group. What goes well? What's the most stressful part?

1 The details

Here's Jean's made-up plan. What else would AI need to know? Add two things.

JEAN'S NOTES
Sunday lunch for Dad's 85th, at Jean's house. 12 people, including 3 children. One vegetarian, one person who can't eat gluten. Dad uses a wheelchair. Lunch at 1 pm.

Who needs something different? Fill in what each needs, so the plan works for everyone.

	What they need
Dad	
The vegetarian guest	
The guest who can't eat gluten	
The 3 children	

2 Ask AI to plan it

If you have a device, try this prompt with Jean's notes.

TRY THIS PROMPT

Please help me plan a Sunday lunch for 12 people, including 3 children, for my dad's 85th birthday. One guest is vegetarian and one can't eat gluten. Please suggest a simple menu that works for everyone, a to-do list for the week before, and a timetable for the day, with lunch at 1 pm.

3 Check the plan

An AI gave this plan. Find **three** problems.

EXAMPLE AI PLAN

Menu: roast beef with Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes and gravy; trifle for pudding.
Day: 10 am, put the beef in. 12 noon, guests arrive and go upstairs for drinks. 1 pm, lunch for 10.

4 Share the jobs

Who could help Jean? Write three jobs she could hand to others.

	What, and who?
Job	
Job	
Job	

Anything else Jean should remember on the day?

5 Good habits

- Tell AI about everyone's needs: food, getting about, and timings.
- Check numbers and timings. AI can lose count.
- For allergies, ask the person themselves, and check every label.

> **No device?** In groups, plan Jean's day on paper. One person is in charge of food, one of timings, and one of making it work for Dad.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/plan-a-family-get-together**

Teacher notes: Plan a family get-together

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt with Jean's notes. Jean is made up. If anyone is anxious about family gatherings, keep the focus on Jean's.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Good gatherings.
10 min	**Part 1.** What else AI would need.
20 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then find the problems.
10 min	**Parts 4 and 5.** Share the jobs.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** A plan is only good if it suits everyone.

Answers: Part 1

For example: the budget; what Jean can cook (oven space, time); whether anyone has allergies; whether Dad has a favourite meal; if there's a cake.
Who needs what: Dad, step-free access and room for his wheelchair; a vegetarian main; gluten-free food (and gravy); something the children like, and something to do.

Answers: Part 3

1. Nothing for the vegetarian.
2. Yorkshire puddings, gravy and trifle usually contain gluten, with no alternative.
3. Drinks upstairs: Dad uses a wheelchair.

(Also: lunch for 10, not 12.)

Discussion points

- AI often forgets one of several needs. Read the plan with each guest in mind.
- Gluten is found in wheat, barley and rye, so it's in most flour, bread, pastry and many gravies. Gluten-free versions are available.
- Asking for help is part of a good plan.

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