

# INVITE A FRIEND TO LUNCH

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How do you invite a friend to share a meal with you? You may ask her to eat, to feed, to devour or to consume.

You will mention partake of, tuck into, chow down, scarf down, or banquet on.

Or you will be inelegant and say guzzle, gobble, graze, gulp, gorge and glutton. She will now hesitate to accept your invitation.

Changing tactics, you say munch, crunch, chew and gnaw. Shall we binge or snack or cater a mess?

We may bite and nibble, to digest the vittles, or perhaps only sup the sustenance.

Your friend has now lost all interest, your word choices being so very descriptive.

You may wish to consider a more subtle approach for that next invitation.