

Read the short essay below and answer the questions.

People always tell me I have the best parties and ask me how I do it. I answer that over the years I have discovered three steps to make entertaining successful: creating a relaxing atmosphere, providing lots of good food, and having many fun things to do.



The first thing you must think about when entertaining is how to create a relaxing atmosphere. Of course, you have to plan appropriate decorations. And you need to think about lighting, the weather and the furniture. In addition, you need interesting, easy-listening music. Also, you need to think about a theme. For instance, costume parties are fun. Another important factor is the kind of people you invite. It's not going to be a relaxing atmosphere if the guests are not outgoing and talkative.

Next, plan the food. You need to prepare a lot of good food. And consider how you will organize the food. It needs to be in a location where it is easy to mingle and walk around the table. Prepare a variety of drinks too. Interesting food and beverages are great conversation starters.



Finally, have some amusements. Think about the kinds of entertainment you already have. Maybe there is a pool or games tables such as tables for ping pong or billiards. Perhaps you can put video games in a convenient location. Anything that can serve as an icebreaker will add to your party.

To sum up, if you see your guests enjoying themselves as the evening progresses, you know the party is a success. Then you will enjoy yourself too. There are not many things more satisfying than organizing a successful party.

1 What are the three important elements of a successful party ?

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2 What kind of people should you invite ?

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3 What are some good conversation starters mentioned in the essay ?

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4 Why is organizing a successful party satisfying ?

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5 Can you add some other ideas for a successful party ?

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## Answers

1. A relaxing atmosphere, good food, and fun things to do.
2. You should invite outgoing and talkative people.
3. Food and beverages.
4. You will feel happy because you organized an event that made other people happy.
5. Examples:
  - have a party around a pool
  - have some live music
  - have some competitions with prizes