

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. Think about lighting, the weather and the furniture. And you need interesting, easy-listening music. Also, think if you need a theme. 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 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.

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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