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2. What've you been up to? = What've you done since I last saw you?
3. How've you been? = How've you been since the last time I saw you/
4. I've been..... = good response to 2 and 3.
5. How about 'something'? = a suggestion from someone to do something. Pron = a almost disappears.
6. Sorry, I can't. = refusal. Sorry suggests you feel bad. Don't have to include the activity if it's clear what you are talking about.
7. Sure, sounds good. = you say yes! How else could we change this? Good to great, fantastic, etc.
8. Do you want to.....? = another way of asking someone to do something. Pron = do you wanna....
9. How do I get to.....? = directions.
10. Have a nice evening. = goodbye at night. Often better than goodnight.
11. Have a good one. = enjoy yourself until I see you again.
12. How do I....? = + verb phrase, "open this bottle?" Pron = run together.
13. How late are you open? = used in restaurants / bars. What time do you close.
14. Do you have any plans for....? = not an invitation. Asking about someone's schedule.  
  
Expressing interest. Choose a point in time – for dinner; the weekend; after work, etc.

15. My....hurts. = you don't feel well. Insert the relevant body part!
16. What did you say? = more polite than just "What?". Pron = make sure you have a nice intonation.
17. What does that mean? = asking for more details. Pron. = run together.
18. I don't feel so good. = you feel unwell. Often when an illness happens suddenly.
19. I need to go to..... = something you have to do – the bank, the post office, etc.
20. I have to..... = something you are required to do. Stronger than 19.
21. When are we leaving? = you are at an event and then going someplace else.