

Dialogue: Refusing Invitations Using Strategies on Cards

Read the dialogues below. What is the situation? Who are the participants? What happened?

Rewrite the responses in grey using the refusal strategies written on your card to make them more polite. You can use other strategies in addition to the ones you were given, but you cannot repeat the examples given on the card.

Dialogue A

Mark: Hi Eddy, how's it going? Are you headed to class?

Eddy: Hey Mark, what's up? Yeah, my class is in the Science building.

Mark: Hey, I'm glad I bumped into you! My classmates and I are going to Las Vegas next weekend. It will be a lot of fun! Do you wanna come with us?

Eddy: No. I'm not going.

Mark: Are you sure you don't want to go? Come on, we will have a really great time and you need a break! You're always in school!

Eddy: I said no!

Dialogue B

Ms. Elliot: Oh, good morning Mrs. Gibson, how are you?

Mrs. Gibson: Hello, Ms. Elliot, I'm ok, thank you. How are you?

Ms. Elliot: Good, good. I'm actually happy to find here. I was going to stop by your house later this afternoon...

Mrs. Gibson: Oh, really?

Ms. Elliot: Yes, you see, I'm having a little dinner gathering at my house tomorrow. I would love you to join us. I'm making my special tuna lasagna.

Mrs. Gibson: No. I can't go.

Ms. Elliot: Are you sure you don't want to come? I'm sure your husband could take care of the children. We're neighbors, Mrs. Gibson, but we hardly ever see each other! You would have such a great time!

Mrs. Gibson: No.