

Refusing Invitations : Role-Play Cards

Role-play 1

Role A:

Today is Friday. You promised your niece that you would help her study for the test that she will have on Monday, so she asked you to meet with her tomorrow between 3:00 and 4:00 in the afternoon. You meet a co-worker in the cafeteria during your lunch break and she invites you to go see a movie at the same time tomorrow. You can't go at this time tomorrow. **Say 'no' to the invitation politely.**

**Role B:**

A very good movie is playing tomorrow. You hate going to the movies alone, so you invite a co-worker from your office to go with you. This is the only session of the movie. **If your co-worker refuses, insist again.**



Role-play 2

Role A:

One of your friends is moving out of town. You want to say good bye to him/her, so you are going to his/her good-bye party tomorrow night. It is a potluck dinner, so you are preparing some food from your country to take to the party. You are talking to an American classmate in class before the Professor comes in. He/she invites you to go to a Karaoke at the same time tomorrow. You love Karaoke but you can't go at this time. **Say 'no' to the invitation politely.**



Role B:

You really want to go to a Karaoke tomorrow. You're in class now and you are talking to a classmate before the Professor comes in. You invite him/her to go with you because you know he/she can sing really well. **If your classmate refuses, insist again.**

**Role-play 3****Role A:**

Today is Friday. Your son has a toothache and you made an appointment with a dentist for Monday morning at 8:00. The dentist's office is in another town, so you need to get up very early and leave your house by 6 AM. Your husband works on Monday, so he cannot take your son to the dentist.

Your boss has planned a party to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the company you work at. Before you go home, your boss comes to your desk and invites you to come to the party with your family. The party is on Sunday night. Your boss is difficult to please, and you're afraid s/he will be upset. **Say 'no' to the invitation politely.**

**Role B:**

You are the owner of a company. You planned a big party for all your employees to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the company. Today is Friday and the party will be this Sunday night. You've hired a famous band to play at the party, and you're very excited. You go to one of your employee's desks and invite her/him and her/his family to come to the party. **If your employee refuses, insist again.**

**Role-play 4****Role A:**

Your sister, who lives in Mexico, is coming to visit you. You promised to pick her up at the

airport tomorrow at 2PM. You haven't seen your sister in 2 years. You meet your upstairs neighbor at the supermarket and she invites you to go to lunch with her at the same time tomorrow to celebrate her birthday. You know she feels lonely and doesn't have many friends because she moved to your city from another state only 3 months ago. **Say 'no' to the invitation politely.**

**Role B:**

Tomorrow is your birthday, and you don't know many people in the city, because you moved there only 3 months ago. You bump into your neighbor at the supermarket and you invite her to go to a very nice restaurant tomorrow for lunch, so that you don't feel alone. **If your neighbor refuses, insist again.**

**Role-play 5****Role A:**

Your son just won two tickets to go see a rock band that you really don't like. He decides to invite you to go with him on Wednesday night for your birthday. You know this is very important to him, and you don't want to hurt him, but you really don't want to go. **Say "no" to your son's invitation politely.**

**Role B:**

You just won two tickets to go see a rock band that you really love. The concert is on the same day as your dad's birthday (Wednesday), so you decide to invite him to go with you as his birthday gift. You are very excited about it, and you're convinced that this is the perfect birthday gift for your dad. **If your dad refuses, insist again.**