



## Lesson 7: Inviting and Declining

### Warm-up questions:

What social events do you like? Dislike?

Have you ever declined an invitation? What happened?

Has someone ever declined your invitation? How did you feel?

What are the worst excuses you have heard for declining an invitation?

### Vocabulary/Expressions:

Take a rain check

Ditch (someone/something)

Not my cup of tea

It isn't for me.

Whatever floats your boat.

Leave me hanging.

Flake out on

Stand someone up

Excuse

### Making invitations:

Would you like (to do) something?

Do you want (to do) something?

Why don't you (do) something?

Can/could you (do) something?

Would you like **to come** to my house this weekend?

Do you want **to tag along**?

Why don't you **swing by** the restaurant?

Could you **stop by** my place on the weekend?

### Declining(suggesting alternative):

I would love to but I can't tonight, but how about...?

I can't because I have to work, but can we...?

I'm sorry, but I can't. How about a rain check?

### Activity: Plan a night out(When, where, what)?

Round 1:

Round 2:

Round 3:

Now invite your classmate to join you.

### Discussion:

Do you ever accept invitations that you do not want to? Why?

In your culture, is it acceptable to be direct about rejections?

What do you think are some good reasons for declining an invitation? Are you good at coming up with excuses?

Have you ever been stood up by a friend or a date?

Talk about something that is popular or common that isn't your cup of tea.

Do you prefer to spend the weekend alone or with people?