Decline an Invitation Politely

B1 · Functional English · WORKSHEET

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the most polite response.

Choose the most polite way to decline.

1. “Do you want to come to the concert on Friday?”
   Choices: Thanks, but I’m afraid I can’t. I have to work. / No. / I do not want go.

   Answer: _____

2. “Would you like to see a movie tonight?”
   Choices: I’d love to, but I have an exam tomorrow. How about Saturday? / No, movies are boring. / I am not.

   Answer: _____

3. “We’re going to a festival. Do you want to come?”
   Choices: That sounds great, but I already have plans. Maybe next time! / You always invite me. Stop. / No come.

   Answer: _____

4. “Can you come to my party?”
   Choices: Thanks for inviting me! I’m sorry, but I can’t make it. / I never go to parties. / Party no.

   Answer: _____

2. Complete the phrase.

Write one word.

1. Thanks ___ inviting me.

2. I’m ___ I can’t come.

3. I’m sorry, but I can’t make ___.

4. How ___ next week?

3. Write a reply.

Write a polite refusal.

1. Thank the person.

3. Write a reply. (continued)

2. Decline and give a reason.

3. Offer an alternative.