Introduction

In this fun invitations activity, students play a card game where they practice making and declining invitations.

Procedure

Begin by eliciting language for making and declining invitations from the class and write it on the board:

- Would you like to...?
- Do you want to...?
- How about...?
- I'd like to invite you to...
- I'd love to, but I...
- I'm sorry, but I have to...
- Thanks, but I...
- I'm sorry, I can't. I'm going...

Next, review the language by inviting students to do things using the phrases on the board and have them decline your invitations and give reasons.

Next, divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards. Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

One student picks up a card and uses the prompt on the card to invite the student on their right to do something, e.g. 'Do you want to go to the park this afternoon?'

The student on their right then tries to win the card by declining the invitation and giving a reason, e.g. 'I'm sorry, but I have to study English tomorrow afternoon'.

If the student does this successfully, the other student gives them the card.

The students are not allowed to use the same reason twice during the game.

If they do or they can't think of a reason, the invitation passes to the next student on the right. This continues until a student comes up with a new reason and wins the card.

Students continue to play until all the cards have been used.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

Afterwards, have a class feedback session to find out some of the best reasons for declining an invitation.
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<th>watch a film at the cinema today</th>
<th>have lunch with me</th>
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<td>dance with me</td>
<td>go shopping at the mall today</td>
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<td>go cycling tomorrow</td>
<td>play computer games tonight</td>
<td>come hiking this weekend</td>
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<td>come swimming with us this afternoon</td>
<td>meet for a drink sometime this week</td>
<td>have dinner with me</td>
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<td>come to the beach with me next weekend</td>
<td>go to the pub this Friday</td>
<td>play badminton this weekend</td>
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