

Lesson 18: How to Decline/ Refuse

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Daniel: Hi, Keiko. I was wondering if I could invite you for some drinks tonight.

Keiko: Thanks but I'm afraid I already have plans for tonight.

Daniel: What about tomorrow?

Keiko: I'm sorry but tomorrow's not a good time for me either.

Daniel: I see. My invitation is open any time. Just **give** me **a buzz** when you're free.

Keiko: You're sweet, Daniel. The truth is I really don't want to go out with you.

Daniel: That's harsh. Can you at least tell me why?

Keiko: I'm working on a promotion so I can't have any distractions. It's not easy to balance professional and personal relationships in the workplace.

Daniel: Well... thank you for being honest.

Keiko: If it's any consolation, I heard that Gina from the accounting department likes you. Why don't you ask her out?

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. If you need anything, just **give** me **a buzz**.
2. **Give** the customer service **a buzz** should any problems come up.
3. I **gave** Jack **a buzz** but there was no reply.

* give + 人+ a buzz / (人) に電話する

3. Your Task

You have received a job offer but you don't want to take it. Make a call to the hiring personnel (= your tutor) and express appreciation for the offer. And then decline the job in the most professional way you can. In another situation, you are a vegetarian attending a party. The host (=your tutor) offers you a lot of meat dishes. Refuse the host's offer and explain why.

4. Let's Talk

How will you say "no" to someone who's asking for a date?

Have you ever been refused for a date?

Tell your teacher about your memorable dating experiences.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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