

1. Make an excuse

Read the dialogue, and practice with a partner.

A: Hey, Casey. Want to go to a movie tonight?

B: Sorry, I can't tonight.

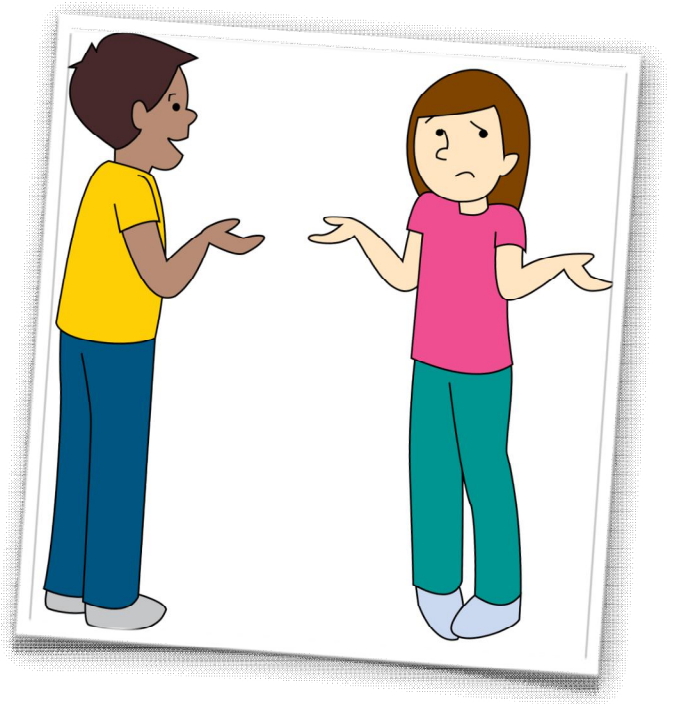
A: Why not? Are you working tonight?

B: No, I have a date.

A: How about tomorrow night?

B: I'm sorry. I'm busy tomorrow.

A: Maybe another time.



2. Make an excuse

Complete the dialogue, and practice with a partner.

A: Hey, Casey. _____ for dinner tomorrow?

B: I'm sorry, _____.

A: That's too bad. _____ working?

B: No, I _____ date.

A: How _____ Friday? Are you free?

B: _____! I'd love to go out for dinner on Friday.

A: Great. See you then.

3. More excuses

Change the information in bold to different information. Practice again.

A: Hey, **Jane**. Do you want to **go out for dinner** tonight?

B: Sorry, I can't. I'm **working**.

A: What about **tomorrow**?

B: I'm studying for a test **tomorrow**. How about **Friday**?

A: I'm free on **Friday**!

B: Great! I'll see you on **Friday**.

A: See you then.

4. Sentence Building

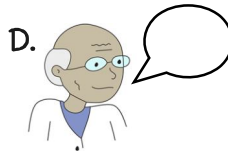
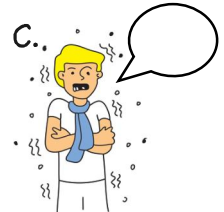
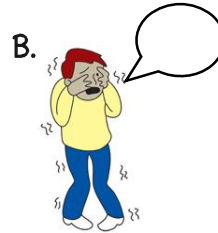
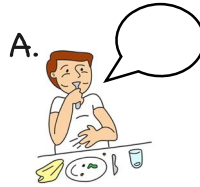
Answer or write questions or responses in the blanks. Use the hints to write complete sentences.

- ① A: Are you coming to the meeting tonight? B: _____ (can't make it)
- ② A: Why aren't you coming to the party? B: _____ (working)
- ③ A: You're meeting us for lunch, right? B: _____ (sorry, no money)
- ④ A: Not today, huh? How about tomorrow? B: _____ (busy, too)
- ⑤ A: You're late! Where were you? B: _____ (sorry, miss bus)
- ⑥ A: _____? B: Sorry, I'm going on vacation.
- ⑦ A: _____? B: I can't. I have to work.
- ⑧ A: _____? B: No, I can't make it. I don't get off work until 8 p.m.
- ⑨ A: _____? B: I can't afford to go. I don't get paid until Friday.
- ⑩ A: _____? B: I apologize. I forgot all about it.

5. Frequently used excuses using "too."

Place the correct number into each quote bubble.

- ① I'm too tired.
- ② I'm too full.
- ③ It's too cold out.
- ④ I have too much to do.
- ⑤ I'm too old.
- ⑥ I'm too scared.



6. What other excuses do you hear often?

Work with your class to think of other common excuses using "too."

7. I wish I could, but...

Practice making excuses with a partner.

A: Hi Alex. Are you going to help me move tomorrow?

I wish I could, but I'm going out of town.

A: You're coming to my birthday party, right?

A: Are you going to join us for dinner tonight?

A: I'm driving today. Do you want a ride?

A: I have an extra concert ticket. Do you want to come?

A: Do you want to watch the football game at my place?

B: *out of town*

B: *study for exam*

B: *daughter soccer practice*

B: *stay late and finish a project*

B: *don't get paid until next week*

B: *dentist appointment*

8. Discuss this famous quote:

"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one." ~ George Washington

