

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

AudioScript

B

Listen to four invitations. Complete the chart.

1.

Erica: Hi, Jane. This is Erica.

Jane: Hello, Erica. How are things?

Erica: Just great, thanks. Say, I was wondering if you'd like to come to a barbecue.

Jane: A barbecue! That sounds really good. When is it?

Erica: On Sunday afternoon.

Jane: Sure, I'm free then. And where's it going to be?

Erica: It'll be at my place.

Jane: Great. Thanks. It sounds wonderful.

2.

Jim: Hi, Rick.

Rick: Oh, hi, Jim. What's up?

Jim: Well, the reason I'm calling is about a rock concert. Interested?

Rick: A rock concert. Um. When is it?

Jim: It's this Friday night, at the Music Hall.

Rick: Gee. I'd really love to go, but I've got a date.

Jim: Too bad. Well, enjoy your date.

Rick: And you enjoy the concert.

3.

Suzanne: Hi, Elena. It's Suzanne.

Elena: Hi, Suzanne. How are you?

Suzanne: Good, thanks. Elena, did you know it's Sandra's birthday on Sunday?

Elena: Is it? That's nice.

Suzanne: Yes. We're planning a surprise party for her at my place. Can you come?

Elena: Sure, I'd love to. I love surprise parties!

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Jenny: Hi, Ryan. This is Jenny.

Ryan: Hi, Jenny. How have you been?

Jenny: Pretty good. And you?

Ryan: Yeah, things are good.

Jenny: Say, I have two tickets to a baseball game this Saturday afternoon at the stadium. Would you be interested in going?

Ryan: Wow. I'd love to, but unfortunately I promised to help my brother move on Saturday. He has a ton of stuff to move to his new place, so he really needs my help.

Jenny: No problem.

C

Listen again. Check whether the people accept or refuse. If they refuse, write the excuse.

Answers

A

She had to clean her house/apartment.

Answers will vary for the other two excuses.

B

1. barbecue; Sunday afternoon; Erica's place

2. rock concert; Friday night; the Music Hall

3. surprise birthday party/Sandra's surprise birthday party; Sunday; Suzanne's place

4. baseball game; Saturday afternoon; the stadium

C

1. Accept

2. Refuse; has a date

3. Accept

4. Refuse; has to help his brother move (to his new place)

D

Answers will vary.

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A PAIR WORK The man is inviting the woman to dinner, but she's not interested. What excuse did she make? Think of two more excuses for her to use.



B Listen to four invitations. Complete the chart.

	Event	When	Where
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

C Listen again. Check (✓) whether the people accept or refuse. If they refuse, write the excuse.

	Accept	Refuse	Excuse
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

D PAIR WORK Role-play the conversation in part A. Take turns. Use different excuses.