

Declining an Offer or Invitation Graciously

Suggested Role-Plays

- 1.** Your friend invites you to see a movie, but it's one you have already seen. You don't want to go again. Following the steps of the skill, decline your friend's offer.
- 2.** Someone you do not like asks you to the school dance. Politely decline the offer.
- 3.** Your parents do not like one of your friends and forbid you to spend time at his home. However, he has invited you over to play video games. Show how you would decline the offer without hurting your friend's feelings.
- 4.** A group of friends wants you to help them play a practical joke on your sister. You know she will get angry, and you'll probably get in trouble. Show or describe how you would decline to participate by suggesting other things to do that don't involve your sister or practical jokes.

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Think Sheet

Name _____ Date _____

List some reasons why you cannot or should not participate in the following activities:

- Go to the mall alone

- Go to a stranger's house

- Smoke a cigarette

- Pass on a rumor

- Join a fight

Describe possible consequences or negative outcomes if you did accept any of the offers listed above:

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How can the skill of **Declining an Offer or Invitation Graciously** help you at school?

How can the skill of **Declining an Offer or Invitation Graciously** help you outside of school?

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- 1. Look at the person.**
- 2. Use a calm, pleasant voice tone.**
- 3. Thank the person for the invitation or offer.**
- 4. Give a reason why you cannot or do not wish to accept.**
- 5. Offer an alternative activity or suggest another time.**