



Unit 7

Making Excuses

Family

- a. Susan's mother left her the following voice mail message. Fill in the missing words, using the word bank below.

call • headache • lie down • party • pill • worry

"Hello Dear,

I'm sorry to hear that you have a (1) _____. I hope the (2) _____ you took will help make it better. If not, take another one. Don't (3) _____ if you can't come to Aunt Carol's (4) _____ tonight. If you're not feeling well, you should (5) _____ and rest. Please (6) _____ me when you feel better."



The Party

- a. Read what happened at Jason's party. Use the table below to match the characters to the things they said.

The Party – Part 2

At first, things didn't go very well at Jason's party. When Jason arrived, Jack and Paul, his two best friends, hadn't arrived yet because they got caught in a traffic jam. Jason's brothers and sisters had bought him a new notepad computer for his birthday, but Jason's sister, Mina, was in such a hurry to come and decorate his house that she forgot the present at home. Jason's favorite cousin, Betty, didn't come because she wasn't feeling well. Jason's brother, Lenny, came to the party dressed in his janitor's uniform because he didn't have time to go by his house before the party. Jason's father, Dr. Meredith, suddenly had to leave the party only five minutes after Jason arrived because there was an emergency at the hospital. Jason's aunt, Linda, didn't bring the hot dogs because her dog ate them all. But despite all this, once the party got going it was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time.



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| ☐ 1. "Guess what! Fido ate all the hot dogs!" | a. Jack and Paul |
| ☐ 2. "Sorry we're late. We got stuck in terrible traffic." | b. Mina |
| ☐ 3. "I'm afraid I didn't have time to change before the party." | c. Betty |
| ☐ 4. "I don't think I can make it this evening. I feel really ill." | d. Lenny |
| ☐ 5. "I was in such a hurry to get here that I forgot the present!" | e. Dr. Meredith |
| ☐ 6. "I have to go! They need me at work!" | f. Linda |



Lunch

- a. Do you remember the dialogue "Lunch"? Use the words below to complete the dialogue.

afraid • busy • eat • lunch • maybe • tomorrow • work

Ted: How about having (1) _____ with me, Carol?

Carol: I'm (2) _____ I can't today, Ted. I'm too (3) _____.

Ted: But you have to (4) _____.

Carol: No. Really, Ted, I have to (5) _____.

Ted: Well, maybe (6) _____, then?

Carol: (7) _____.

- b. Your friend is feeling sad. You want to cheer him/her up. You try to persuade him/her to go out with you. Write a dialogue for this situation.

You: How about _____

Your friend: No, thanks. _____

You: But you have to _____

Your friend: I really don't feel like _____

You: Then maybe _____

Your friend: Well, maybe, but _____

- c. Practice the dialogue with your partner. Then try to change the ending by letting your partner try to persuade you.



Infinitives: After Adjectives

- a. Read Jenny's invitation to Jason's party. Then complete the guests' replies with suitable adjectives and infinitives.

It's Jason's birthday on Friday, April 13

I hope you can come and celebrate with us. Jason will be delighted to see you all. It's a surprise party, so please be here by 8 o'clock. Please let me know if you can come.

And don't forget!

It's a surprise!

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Hi Jenny.

It's very (1) _____ of you to (2) _____ us to Jason's party.

However, I'm (3) _____ to (4) _____ you that we won't be able to come because we'll be away for the weekend.

Sarah

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Hello Jenny.

We were (5) _____ to (6) _____ your invitation to Jason's party. We'll be (7) _____ to (8) _____ to the party, of course!

Please let me know if you need us to prepare anything. We'll be (9) _____ to help.

Laura and Benny

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Dear Jenny.

I was very (10) _____ to (11) _____ that you are having a party for Jason and that I wasn't invited. Although we've had our disagreements in the past, it would be (12) _____ to (13) _____ Jason's birthday together. I've decided to come to the party anyway. I hope that's OK with you.

Kate

- b. Who is coming to the party? Compare your guest list with a partner's.

