Invitations and Excuses

Making Invitations with *WOULD LIKE TO:* We use ***would like to + base verb*** to invite someone in a polite way.



Structure: Would you like to + verb?
Examples:
- Would you like to go out on Friday?
- Would you like to go to a concert?
- Would you like to have dinner with me?

Accepting an Invitation
We can accept an invitation like this:
- Yes, I would.
- Yes, I'd like to.
- Yes, I'd love to. Thanks.

***Note**: I'd = I would*

Refusing an Invitation (Making Excuses):
We use ***I'd like to, but…*** to refuse an invitation politely and give a reason.

Structure: I'd like to, but + reason.

Common verbs for excuses: The verbs ***want, have to, and need to*** express different meanings and are often used to give reasons.



- **want to** → expresses desire
- **have to** → expresses obligation
- **need to** → expresses necessity

***Note**: These verbs are followed by the infinitive with to.*

Examples:
- I'd like to, but I **want to** visit my parents.
- I'd like to, but I **have to** work.
- I'd like to, but I **need to** study.

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Practice Exercises

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences using Would you like to… and the verb in parenthesis

1. _____ to the movies tonight? (go)
2. _____ lunch with me tomorrow? (have)
3. _____ to my birthday party? (come)
4. _____ soccer this weekend? (play)

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer.

1. Would you like to go out on Friday?
a) Yes, I like.
b) Yes, I would.
c) Yes, I go.

2. Would you like to have dinner with us?
a) Yes, I'd love to.
b) Yes, I loving.
c) Yes, I do.

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with an excuse using want to, have to, need to.

1. I'd like to go to the party, but _____.
2. I'd like to play soccer, but _____.
3. I'd like to go out tonight, but _____.

Exercise 4: Write a short dialogue.

Student A: Invite a friend to do something.
Student B: Accept or refuse the invitation and give an excuse.

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