The Refusals Game

How to play:

1. Find a small object to represent you, such as a coin, paperclip, or small eraser and place it on the START.
2. Jan-ken to see who goes first, then decide the turn order.
3. Take turns rolling the die and moving your piece along the game board. When you land on a space, role-play that situation with the person to your left. They are “Student A”, and you are “Student B”. For example:

Situation: *Your friend invites you to another friend’s surprise party*

A: (the person on your left): *Hey, don’t tell Shiho, but I am going to have a surprise party for her at my place next   
 Sunday afternoon.*

B: (you): *Oh, that sounds great. I’m sure she will be very happy.*

A: *Say, if you are free, why don’t you come over? The party starts at three*.

B: *Oh, I’d love to, but I’m going out of town that day*.

A: *Oh really? Oh well. If your plans change, please come by!*

B: *Thanks! Have fun at the party! I wish I could be there*.

A: *It’s okay. Take care, and have a great trip!*

1. The game continues until everyone in your group has reached the FINISH.

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| **START**  Your classmate invites you to a birthday party. | You are invited to a co-worker’s wedding. | Your friend invites you to a  J-Pop concert at the Tokyo Dome. | You are invited to a friend’s wedding. |
|  |  |  | You are invited to a co-worker’s birthday party. |
| Your boss at your part-time job invites you to an end-of-year party. | **FINISH**  Your boyfriend/girl- friend wants to go to a movie with you on Friday night. |  | Your best friend invites you to go out for karaoke this weekend. |
| Your younger sister/ brother wants to go shopping with you tomorrow. |  |  | Your co-workers at your part-time job invite you to go out for lunch tomorrow. |
| Your classmate invites you to their first art exhibition this weekend. |  |  | A teacher invites you to join an optional volunteer work event this weekend. |
| Your best friends invite you to go on a road trip during the summer break. | A classmate you don’t know well invites you to a hanami party. | Your best friend from high school invites you to a BBQ party next month. | Your best friend wants you to join a volunteer work event next month. |