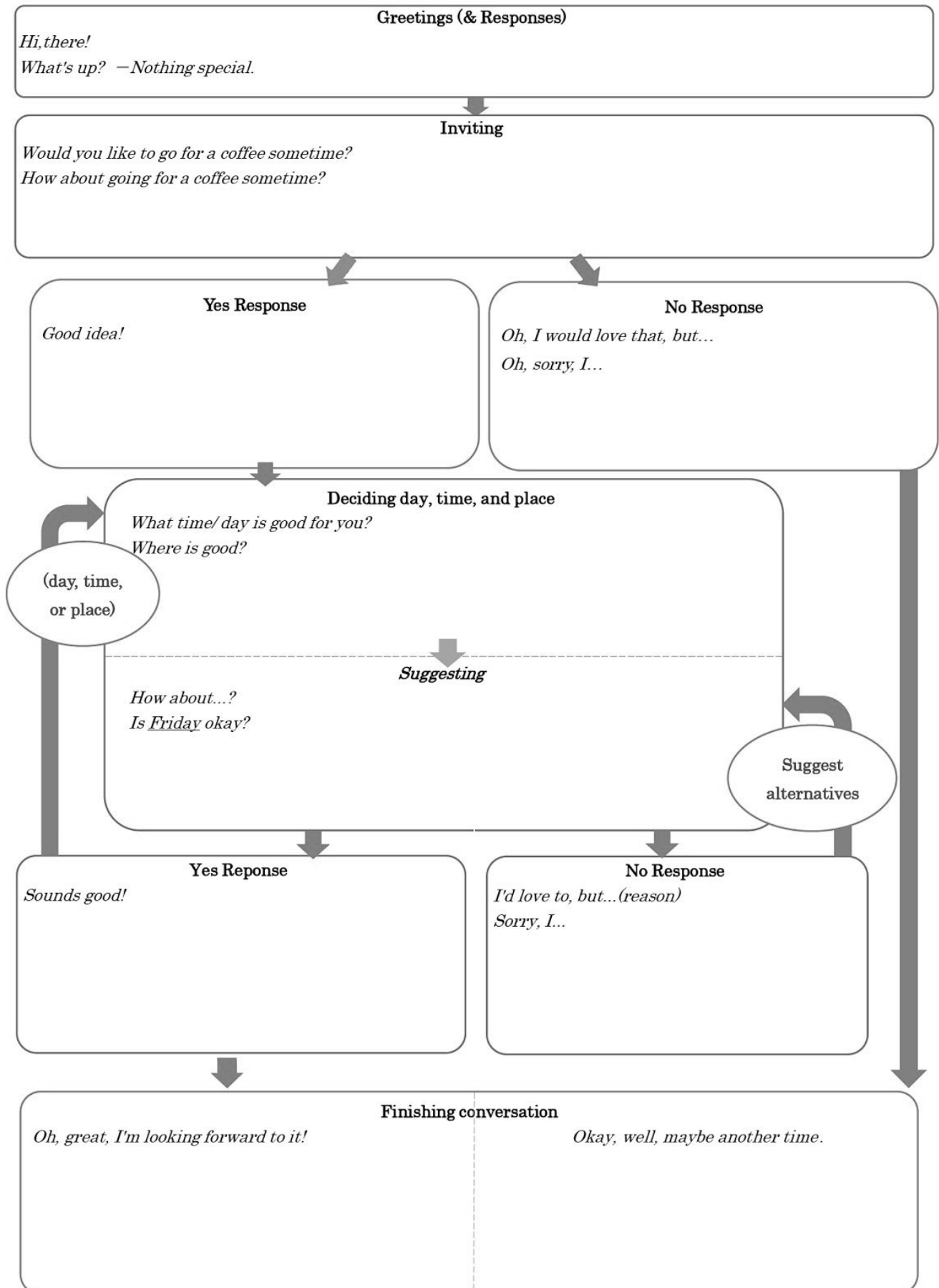


## Invitation structure flowchart for Student A

Student A name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 1: Fill in the following flow chart with language ideas from each step from the board.



## Strategies and expressions for politely refusing an invitation:

1. **Delay/hesitate/pause:** *er; um; ah; well, oh*
2. **Express doubt:** *I'm not sure; I don't know*
3. **I want to, but:** *That's great, but...; I'd love to, but...*
4. **Mention obligation:** *I must do X; I'm expected in Y*
5. **Apology:** *I'm sorry; What a pity*
6. **Appeal for understanding:** *You see; You know*
7. **Make it non-personal:** *Everybody else; Out there*
8. **Give your reason:** *Too much work; No time left*
9. **Softeners:** *Really; Mostly; Sort of; Kinda; I guess not; Not possible*

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**Step 2: Let's do some roleplaying! Invite your partner to go out for coffee sometime. Using your schedule below, decide the place, day, and time. Make sure to use expressions from each stage.**

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### Your schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 ~ 16:00 <i>Classes</i>	10:00 ~ 16:00 <i>Classes</i>	10:00 ~ 16:00 <i>Classes</i>	10:00 ~ 16:00 <i>Classes</i>	10:00 ~ 12:00 <i>Classes</i>
16:00 ~ 18:00 <i>Club activity</i>	No plans afterwards	16:00 ~ 18:00 <i>Club activity</i>	16:00 ~ 18:00 <i>Meet with other friends</i>	18:00 <i>Go to a party</i>

### Conversation starter:

A: Hi, (NAME). Nice to see you.

B: Good to see you too, (NAME). What's up?

A: Well, how about going out for a cup of coffee sometime?

**Note:** Like this, go through all six stages: *Greeting, Inviting, Responding, Deciding, Responding, and Finishing*

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**Step 3: Let's try it again! Switch roles and repeat.**

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**Step 4: (Optional) Switch partners and repeat this activity with a different invitation, such as *studying together for a test, having lunch, or going out for karaoke*.**

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