Chapter 27. I am sorry. I cannot go. I have something to do.

Conversation

Lulu: Pop, are you coming to tonight's meeting?
Pop: I am sorry. I cannot go. I have something to do.
Lulu: It is all right, but what is your reason?
Pop: I have to go to the airport to meet my brother from home.

Pattern

◦ **미안해요. [Stem of Verb/Adjective]아서 못 가요.**

This expression is used to refuse some suggestions or requests with explanation.

Note) '-아서' is used for the verbs with stems that end with 'ㅏ'(except '하') or 'ㅗ'; '-어서' is used for the verbs with stems that end with other vowels; '-여서' is used for the verbs with stems that end with '하'(하여서>해서).

Grammar

◦ **-아서/어서**

Used after verbs or adjectives to show that the front part is the reason of the rear part.

Vocabulary

일이 있다 To have something to do, 바쁘다 To be busy, 약속이 있다 To have an appointment, 시간이 없다 Not to have time, 일이 많다To have a lot of work to do

Exercise

Select the word(s) from examples below and complete the following conversation(s).

(1)

(2)

일이 있다, 약속이 있다, 일이 많다. 시간이 없다, 바쁘다

(1) 가 : 내일 음악회 갈래요?
나 : 미안해요. _____.

(2) 가 : 오늘 영화 보러 갈래요?
나 : 미안해요. _____.

Ask your friend(s).

Q : 저녁 모임에 와요?
A : 미안해요. (　　)아서 못 가요.

Example : 미안해요. 일이 있어서 못 가요. / 미안해요. 바빠서 못 가요.