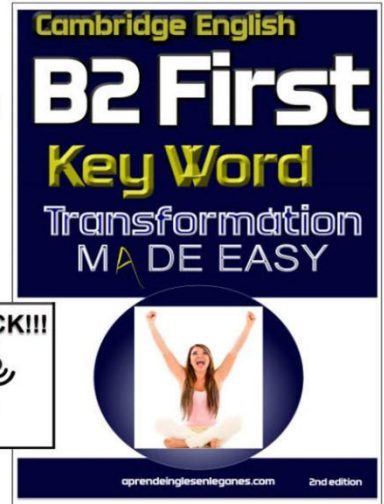


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DECLINE - verb (formal)

to politely turn down an offer or an invitation, often due to circumstances or lack of interest.

- I declined the invitation to the party because I had other plans.
- I invited him to the meeting but he declined.
- He declined my offer.

[+ to infinitive]

- They declined to tell me how they had obtained my address.

DENY - verb

to not allow someone to have or do something:

- Her request for time off work was denied.
- A good education should be denied to no one.

[+ two objects]

- The goalkeeper denied him his third goal.
- I was denied the opportunity of learning French at school.

REFUSE - verb

to say that you will not do or accept something:

- I refused to take part in the unethical business practices.
- He asked me to give him another loan, but I refused.

[+ to infinitive]

- On cold mornings the car always refuses to start.

[+ two objects]

- The local council refused him planning permission to build an extra bedroom.

REJECT - verb

to refuse to accept, use, or believe something or someone:

- The editor rejected my manuscript because it didn't meet their criteria.
- The appeal was rejected by the court.
- I applied for a job as a mechanic in a local garage, but I was rejected.

reject someone for something

- The coach rejected him for the first team.
- The company rejected her for the job because she didn't have the required experience.

TURN DOWN - phrasal verb

to refuse an offer or request, often with a negative connotation or because it goes against one's interests or preferences.

- The company turned down the proposal because it was not profitable enough.
- He turned down the job because it involved too much travelling.
- She asked him out, but he turned her down.