

# Making requests and asking for permission.

Read the conversations below and fill in the gaps with the words and phrases from the lists.

Do you mind if I            is it OK if I            could you turn            What's the problem  
here you are            telling me            thanks            can I borrow            go ahead

## Conversation 1

A: Yeah?

B: Hello, ..... turn the music down, please? It's one o'clock and I'm trying to sleep.

A: Oh, sorry. Is that better?

B: Yes, ..... . Perhaps I can get some sleep now. Good night.

## Conversation 2

A: I'm sorry, ..... leave early today? I'm going to take my cat to see the vet.

B: You're going to take your cat to the vet? What's the matter with her then?

A: Him. I don't know. That's why I'm going to take him to the vet's.

B: Oh, I see. Sure, ..... . Thanks for .....

## Conversation 3

A: David, do you have your mobile phone with you?

B: Um... yes. Why?

A: ..... it, please? I need to make a quick call to my mother.

B: OK, .....

## Conversation 4

A: ..... change seats?

B: Yes, all right. ....?

A: I can't see because of the sun.

B: OK, then. Why don't you sit there, next to Andrea.

## Where are the people?

Match the sentences (a-h) with the correct reactions (1-8).

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| a. Can I have a glass of water?                    | 1. Yes of course. What about?                           |
| b. Is it OK if I make a phone call?                | 2. Oh, sorry, I said we only have \$50 tickets left.    |
| c. Could you say that again, please?               | 3. Well, all right. If it's a local call.               |
| d. Can I speak to you for a moment?                | 4. Oh sure. The remote's on the table.                  |
| e. Do you mind if I look at your CDs.              | 5. Well, not really. Why can't you come?                |
| f. Is it OK if I miss the English lesson tomorrow? | 6. Of course, there's a bottle in the fridge.           |
| g. Could you move over, please?                    | 7. You can borrow some if you want.                     |
| h. Do you mind if I turn the TV up?                | 8. Yes, sorry. I didn't realise you wanted to sit down. |

With you teacher act out four-line conversations for four of the situations below.

1. It's very hot in the room and you would like to open the window.
2. You need to borrow some money from a friend because you have lost your bus fare.
3. Someone's mobile phone is always ringing during a film
4. You didn't understand the address someone gave you and you would like them to spell it for you.
5. The person behind you is talking all the time during the lesson.
6. You are watching the TV but you can't hear because the volume is very low. Your friend has the remote control.
7. You would like someone to take a photo of you and your friend in front of a famous monument.
8. You can't see the timetable at a train station because a stranger is standing in front of it.

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B=Caller(Roommate at Work)

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B: Hi, Mandy. It's Jill. I'm still at work.

A: Work? I thought you got off work at 4:00.

B: I was supposed to but I had to meet the boss. Listen. I'm running late. *Could you do me a favour?*

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A: Sure. Anything. What do you need?

B: I'm having some friends over for a BBQ tonight. Could you thaw out some steaks for me?

A: I'll do that right now. Anything else?

B: Nope. That's it. Oh. By the way, I'll be stopping by the store on the way home. Do you need anything?

A: Yeah. Actually, I do. We're out of bread. Would you mind picking some up from the bakery?

B: No problem. I should be home in an hour. See you soon.

A: Actually, I'll probably be gone by the time you get here. I'm meeting some friends for coffee.

B: Ok then. See you later tonight. Have fun.

\*Fill in the table with the underlined information

Caller Activity Sheet



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You will be given a role card. Call up your roommates to tell them you will be late and request a favour from them. Then Write down their request in the table.

Roommate's Name	What roommate needs	Where to buy it	Where is roommate going tonight
Mandy	bread	bakery	Meeting some friends for coffee

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**Receiver Activity Sheet**



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You will be given a role card. Your roommate will call you up and request a favour. Fill out the table below.

Roommate's Name	Reason Roommate is Late	Roommate's Request	Reason for Request	Time Expected
Jill	Had to meet the boss	Thaw out some steaks	Having friends over for a BBQ	1 hour

## Caller Role Cards

You are running late because you had to meet a client. You need your roommate to put a bottle of wine in the fridge because you are having some friends over for drinks after work. You should be home in about 30 minutes.

You are running late because you had to finish a report. You need your roommate to put your pants in the dryer because your pants are wet and you will need them to go dancing tonight. You should be home in about 2 hours.

You are running late because you had to write some e-mail. You need your roommate to tidy up a bit because your parents are coming over for a visit. You should be home in about an hour.

You are running late because you had to wait for your paycheck. You need your roommate to thaw some chicken out because your girlfriend/boyfriend is coming over for dinner. You should be home in about 45 minutes.

You are running late because you were talking to a customer on the phone. You need your roommate to lend you some money because you are going to a movie. You should be home in about 20 minutes.

You are running late because you had to prepare for a meeting tomorrow. You need your roommate to lend you his or her car because you are going to a beach party. You should be home in about an hour and a half.

You are running late because you had to finish designing your company catalogue. You need your roommate to lend you a shirt because you are going out with some friends. You should be home in about 10 minutes.

You are running late because you had to give a presentation. You need your roommate to record the TV program "Enemies" on channel 8 because you won't be home in time to watch it. You should be home in about an hour.

The callers have to call their roommates, explain why they are late, and then request favours. [www.bogglesworldesl.com](http://www.bogglesworldesl.com)

## Receiver's Favours Role Cards

You are out of bread. You want your roommate to pick some up from the bakery. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are going to the movies with some friends.

You are out of milk. You want your roommate to pick some up from the grocery store. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are going out to dinner with some friends.

You are out of cat food. You want your roommate to pick some up from the pet shop. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are going to a concert with your brother.

You are out of bananas. You want your roommate to pick some up from the vegetable market. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are going jogging in the park.

You are out of light bulbs. You want your roommate to pick some up from the hardware store. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are meeting a friend for coffee.

You are out of cereal. You want your roommate to pick some up from the grocery store. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are going to play basketball with friends

You are out of aspirin. You want your roommate to pick some up from the pharmacy. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are going to visit a friend at the hospital.

You are out of printer ink. You want your roommate to pick some up from the computer store. You will be gone before your roommate comes home because you are going shopping with your mom.

The receivers have to listen to their roommates requests and then ask the roommates to pick up something from the store.

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