

UNIT 14

Permission: *Can, Could, May, Do you mind if*

EXERCISE 1 QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Match the classroom questions and responses.

Questions

- d 1. Do you mind if I bring my friends to class?
- 2. May I ask a question?
- 3. Do you mind if I record the class?
- 4. Could I open the window?
- 5. Can we review Unit 4?
- 6. May I leave the room?
- 7. Could we use our dictionaries?
- 8. Could I borrow a pen?

Responses

- a. Certainly. The key to the restroom is hanging on the wall.
- b. Not at all. I think it's a good idea.
- c. Sure. I hope I can answer it.
- ~~d.~~ Sorry. It's already pretty crowded.
- e. Sure. But remember: You don't have to look up every word.
- f. I'm afraid we can't. We're out of time.
- g. Sure. But please remember to return it.
- h. Go right ahead. It's quite warm in here.

EXERCISE 2 QUESTIONS

Read the classroom situations. Complete the questions asking for permission.

1. You want to open the window.

May I open the window?

2. Your whole class wants to review Unit 6.

Could _____

3. You want to borrow a classmate's pen.

Can _____

4. You want to look at someone's class notes.

Do you mind if _____

5. You want to come late to the next class.

Do you mind if _____

6. Your roommate wants to come to the next class with you.

Could _____

7. You want to ask a question.

May _____

8. You and a classmate would like to use a dictionary.

Can _____

9. You and your classmates want to leave five minutes early.

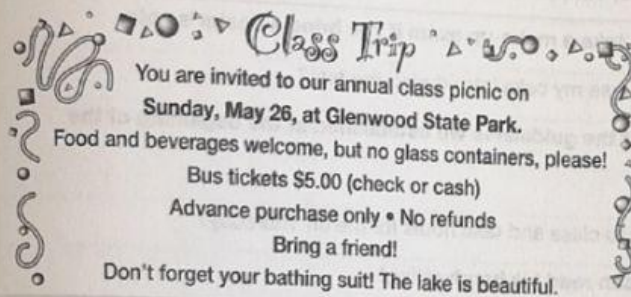
Could _____

10. Your sister wants to go on the class trip with the rest of the class.

Do you mind if _____

EXERCISE 3 AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE STATEMENTS

Look at the flyer. Complete the statements with the words in parentheses.



1. You may bring (may / bring) a friend.
2. You can bring (can / bring) your own food.
3. You can bring (can / bring) your own drinks.
4. You can drink (can / drink) juice from a glass bottle at the picnic.
5. You can pay (can / pay) for your bus ticket by check.
6. You can pay (can / pay) for your bus ticket with cash.
7. You may pay (may / pay) for your ticket with a credit card.
8. You may purchase (may / purchase) your bus ticket on the day of the trip.
9. You can get (can / get) a refund.
10. You may swim (may / swim) in the lake.

EXERCISE 4 EDITING

Read the professor's response to an email from one of his students. (The professor's answers are in **bold print**.) There are six mistakes in making and responding to requests. The first one is already corrected. Find and correct five more.

Subject: Missed classes—Reply
Date: 04-23-16 11:22:43 EST
From: profwilson@bryant.edu
To: Timbotwo@hotmail.com

Professor Wilson—

I've been sick for the past two days. That's why I missed the last test. I'm really annoyed.

I studied a lot for it and was really well prepared. May I ^{take} taking a make-up exam?

I know you never miss class, Tim, so I assumed that's what happened. I hope you're

feeling better. Yes, you can take a make-up exam if you bring a doctor's note.

If I can take the exam, may I use my calculator during the test?

No, you mayn't! It's against the guidelines we established at the beginning of the semester. Remember?

Could my roommate comes to class and take notes for me on Thursday?

Yes, he could. I hope you can read his handwriting!

Do you mind when he records Allison's presentation for me? I don't want to miss it.

Not at all. It's fine for him to record the presentation.

One last thing—I know I missed some handouts. May I have please copies of them?

Sure. I'll give them to your roommate on Thursday.

Thanks a lot.

Tim

