

## When you ask for permission

- Can I borrow your pen?
- Could I use your phone, please?
- Is it OK if I use your computer for a minute?
- Do you mind if I close the window?
- Would it be OK if I left a little early?
- Would you mind if I smoked?
- Would you mind opening that window?
- I wonder if I could borrow \$200.
- I wonder if you'd mind taking a picture of me?



## When you deny or refuse the permissions

- No, please don't
- I am sorry, but that's not possible
- I'm afraid, but you can't
- I'm afraid that's not possible.
- Unfortunately, I need to say no
- I'm afraid I would prefer if you don't do so.

## When you give permission

### **Please/ Please do it**

E.g. Can I take another bite of your delicious apple pie? Please. I'm glad you like it.

### **If you please/ If you wish so. I agree with your request.**

E.g. Do you need me to help you in the garden?  
- If you please. There are a couple small jobs there.

### **If you don't mind/ Please do it if you don't have objections. I agree with your request.**

E.g. Do you want me to turn off the television?  
If you don't mind. I've got to work on my article.

### **Would you please? Please do what you are requesting.**

E.g. Can I help you with your English task?  
- Would you please?

### **Sure/ Yes, certainly**

E.g. May I have another cup of tea?  
- Sure. Wait until the water is hot.

### **Go ahead/ Do it. You have my permission.**

E.g. May I ask you a question?- Go ahead.

### **No problem/ I don't have a problem with your doing it.**

E.g. Can I borrow your bicycle?  
No problem. Don't forget to return it, though.

### **Shoot! / Say it! Ask your question!**

E.g. Can I say something? - Sure. Shoot.

### **It doesn't bother me any.**

It does not trouble me and I don't have any objections.