

# Can for Requests / Permission

The word "can" is a modal verb that we use to:

## Make a polite request

When we want someone to do something for us.

- Can you open the window?

## Ask for permission

When we want to do something.

- Can I ask you a question?
- Can I sit here?

When answering polite requests, we usually use special phrases.

To reply 'Yes' you can say:

- Sure / Of course.
- No problem

To reply 'No' we might say :

- I'm sorry, (give reason).
- No, I'm sorry, I can't.

**Put the words in the right order to make correct sentences.**

1. cookie? / I / Can / have / a
2. help / Can / me / my / with / you / homework?
3. sit / here? / I / Can
4. tell / time? / me / Can / the / you
5. borrow / Can / I / your / book?

**Rewrite the sentences using "can".**

**Example:** Give me a glass of water.    Can you give me a glass of water?

1. Open the window.
2. Take a photo of me.
3. Help me with my books.
4. Show me your homework.
5. Borrow your book.

