






14 Asking for and giving permission

Can I borrow a pen, please?
 Yes, you can. / No, sorry, you can't. /
 Sure, no problem.
 Is it OK if I use your mobile?
 No, sorry, it isn't OK. / Oh, all right. /
 Yes, that's fine.

1 Complete the questions and answers.

- 1  A: Is it OK if I use your mobile?
 B: _____, all right.
- 2  A: _____ I borrow your _____, please?
 B: Sure, no _____.
- 3  A: Is it _____ if I use your _____?
 B: Yes, that's _____.
- 4  A: Can I _____ your _____, please?
 B: _____, you can.
- 5  A: Can I borrow your _____, _____?
 B: No, _____, you can't.

LOOK! Please can I go to the party?
 Can I go to the party, please?

2 Write two questions asking for permission with please for each situation.

- 1 You want to go to the cinema.
 - a Please can I go to the cinema?
 - b Can I go to the cinema, please?
- 2 You want to use your dad's laptop.
 - a _____
 - b _____
- 3 You want to borrow a friend's mobile.
 - a _____
 - b _____

3 Complete the dialogues. Sometimes there is more than one answer.

Can I borrow your mobile, please? No, it isn't.
 Is it OK if I use yours? Please can I go to the cinema? Sure, no problem. Yes, you can.

Dialogue 1

Elena: We've got a Maths test today. Have you got your calculator this time?
 Tom: Oh no, I forgot it. ¹Is it OK if I use yours?
 Elena: ²_____ I need it for the test!
 Tom: OK, I understand. I hope the test is easy!

Dialogue 2

Jess: Hi Tom. Do you want to go to the cinema?
 Matt: Sure, but I have to ask my mum first.
³_____ I don't have my phone with me.
 Jess: ⁴_____ Here you are.
 Matt: Thanks. Oh, hi mum. ⁵_____
 Mum: ⁶_____

4 Look at the notes and write a dialogue asking for permission.

Who: Paul and Leo
 Where: go to the swimming pool
 Ask Leo's dad for permission
 Permission: No
 Why: homework

Paul: _____
 Leo: _____

 Dad: _____
 Leo: _____

5 In your notebook, write a dialogue asking for permission. Use these notes.

Who: Anna and Milly
 Where: go shopping
 Ask Milly's grandma for permission
 Permission: Yes