



POLITE REQUESTS

A. Complete the request for each situation.

1. You want to borrow a dollar from a friend for a cup of coffee.

Can _____ .

2. You want to turn down your roommate's TV.

Is it OK if _____ .

3. You want a classmate to give you a ride home after class.

Would you mind _____ .

4. You want to use a friend's cell phone.

Do you mind if _____ .

5. You want to borrow a friend's car for the weekend.

I was wondering if _____ .

6. You want someone to tell you how to get to the subway.

Could _____ .

B. Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.

7. Can I use your cell phone?

_____ . (OK)

8. Could you ask Penny to stop by and talk to me?

_____ . (would mind)

9. Could I borrow your guitar?

_____ . (wonder)

10. Lend me your hairbrush

_____ . (mind)

C. Complete this chart. Then check your answers in a dictionary.

NOUN	VERB	NOUN	VERB
apology		invitation	
compliment		permission	
explanation		request	

D. Choose the correct words.

1. My phone didn't work for a week. The phone company
(accepted/denied/offered) an apology and took \$20 off my bill.
2. A friend of mine really loves to **(do / owe / receive)** compliments, but he
never gives anyone else one. I don't understand why he's like that.
3. Carol is always talking on the phone. She makes a lot of class, but she rarely
(makes / offers / returns) mine. Maybe she never listens to her voice mail!
4. I need to **(ask for / give / turn down)** a favor. Could you please give me a
ride to school tomorrow? My bike has a flat tire!

