Learn English with pleasure!

Offers / requests / suggestions / permission



Would/ could /shall

are often used when you *want to*:

1. **Make polite offers** *(instead of 'Do you want ….?')*
   Would you like to see the menu?
2. ***Make polite requests*** *(instead of imperatives - Give me a bill.)*
   Could you get us a cloth, please?
3. **Ask for permission** *(instead of 'Is it OK if I ….?')*
   Could I change the baby somewhere?
4. **Make suggestions** *(instead of 'How about - ing….?')*
   Shall we leave a tip?



Exercise 1

Complete the questions with *would / could / shall*

1 A: ..... we just have a jug of tap water please?
B: I'm afraid not, madam. You have to buy a bottle.

2 A: ..... we get the bill?
B: Yeah, it's getting late and I'm tired.

3 A: ..... we have a half portion for the kids?
B: Of course, sir.

4 A: ..... you like to see the drinks list, madam?
B: No thanks. ..... we just have two mineral waters?

5 A: ..... we ring them and book a table?
B: That's a good idea. They get quite busy.

6 A: ..... you move your chair a little so I can get past?
B: I'll get up. It's very tight in here.

7 A: ..... you like me to order for everyone?
B: Yes, if you don't mind. There's so much to choose from.

8 A: ..... we get a taxi or do you want to walk?
B: Let's walk – it's a lovely night. It's so warm.

Exercise 2

Use *would, could* or *shall* and the words in brackets to rewrite 1–8 as questions with the same meaning.

1 Do you want more of anything? (like)
2 Is it OK if I close the window? (I)
3 How about going for a Thai meal? (we)
4 Pour me some water. (you)
5 Is it OK if we wait till our friend arrives? (we)
6 Do you want me to hang your coat up? (me)
7 Do you want me to pay with my card? (I)
8 Turn down the air conditioning. (mind)

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