

Making requests and offers

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Conversation: Helping a classmate

JIM: Hey, buddy, can I ask you a favor?

Ali: Sure—what can I do for you?

JIM: I wonder if you'd be willing to lend me your biology notes. I missed a couple of classes when I was sick, and now I'm totally lost.

Alli: OK. Why don't we go to the library and copy my notebook and then go to your place and go over the lessons. I'm **acing** biology this semester, so I'm sure I can get you **back on track**.

Later:

JIM: Oh, man, that will be a load off my shoulders. I can't thank you enough.

All: Glad to help. As a matter of fact, I have a favor to ask of you.

JIM: Oh yeah? Don't tell me you need more advice about your girlfriend!

ALL: Well, not exactly. It's that her sister is coming up for the weekend, and I need to find her a date. Any chance you'd go out with her on Saturday night? We'd all four go to the theater and then out to eat.

JIM: Look, I already agreed to go to the movies with Ben. But **how about if** I invite her to go to the movies with us **instead**? Of course, afterward we'd grab a bite to eat, but it won't be anything **fancy**.

ALI: That sounds great to me. Let me see what Jessica thinks about it, and I'll get back to you ASAP.

JIM: Good. And by the way, thanks again for the help with biology. I think I'm on top of it now.

ALF: No problem. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

JIM: Thanks, buddy. See you later.

Write a conversation between two people in which both ask for and offer favors to each other. Use at least eight of the expressions explained in this chapter. Ask an English-speaking friend to check your work.