

MAKING REQUESTS

Can/Could I ...?

Can/could you?

Would you?

Would you mind?



Exercise 1. Match the question with the responses.

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| 1. Could you pass the salt, please? | a. Yes, please. It's very nice of you. |
| 2. Would you like some green beans? | b. With cream and sugar, please. |
| 3. Does anyone want more apple pie? | c. Yes, please. I love them. |
| 4. This is very delicious!
Can you give me the recipe? | d. Yes, of course. I'm glad you like it. |
| 5. How would you like your coffee? | e. Do you want red or white? |
| 6. Can I help you do the dishes? | f. Sure. Here you are. |
| 7. Could I have a glass of wine, please? | g. Yes, please. It's delicious. |

Exercise 2. Complete the questions with *Can/Could I*? or *Can/Could you*?

1. _____ have a slice of pizza, please?
2. _____ tell me the time, please?
3. _____ borrow your pen, please?
4. _____ lend me your book, please?
5. _____ help me with my homework, please?
6. _____ see the menu, please?
7. _____ use your cell phone, please?
8. _____ take me to the supermarket, please?

Exercise 3. Choose the correct expression to complete each request.

1. *Could you / Would you mind* bring me some milk for my coffee?
2. *Could you / Would you mind* answering the door?
3. *Could you / Would you mind* go to the store for me?
4. *Could you / Would you mind* turning off the music?
5. *Could you / Would you mind* bringing me a drink?
6. *Could you / Would you mind* repeat the question?

Exercise 4. Complete the polite requests with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Would you mind _____ me a coffee? (bring)
2. Could you _____ me your pen? (give)
3. Would you mind _____ a taxi for me? (call)
4. Could you _____ the door? (close)
5. Would you mind _____ me a glass of water? (get)
6. Could you _____ these bags for me? (carry)
7. Would you mind _____ your phones on silent? (put)
8. Would you mind _____ me with my homework? (help)

Exercise 5. Match each polite request to a suitable response.

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| 1. Could you tell me when the train leaves? | a. Of course, do you take sugar? |
| 2. Would you mind closing the window? | b. Not at all. They look heavy. |
| 3. Could you bring me a coffee? | c. Sure, it leaves at 9:00 a.m. |
| 4. Would you mind helping me with my bags? | d. Yes, I would. I'm hot. |
| 5. Could you help me? | e. No problem. I'll slow down. |
| 6. Would you mind speaking slowly? | f. Yes, what do you need? |