

MAKING REQUESTS

Can/Could I ...?

Can/could you?

Would you?

Would you mind?



Exercise 1. Match the question with the responses.

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.

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?