

When you ask for permission

- Can I borrow your pen?
- Could I use your phone, please?
- Is it OK if I use your computer for a minute?
- Do you mind if I close the window?
- Would it be OK if I left a little early?
- Would you mind if I smoked?
- Would you mind opening that window?
- I wonder if I could borrow \$200.
- I wonder if you'd mind taking a picture of me?



When you deny or refuse the permissions

- No, please don't
- I am sorry, but that's not possible
- I'm afraid, but you can't
- I'm afraid that's not possible.
- Unfortunately, I need to say no
- I'm afraid I would prefer if you don't do so.

When you give permission

Please/ Please do it

E.g. Can I take another bite of your delicious apple pie? Please. I'm glad you like it.

If you please/ If you wish so. I agree with your request.

*E.g. Do you need me to help you in the garden?
- If you please. There are a couple small jobs there.*

If you don't mind/ Please do it if you don't have objections. I agree with your request.

*E.g. Do you want me to turn off the television?
If you don't mind. I've got to work on my article.*

Would you please? Please do what you are requesting.

*E.g. Can I help you with your English task?
- Would you please?*

Sure/ Yes, certainly

*E.g. May I have another cup of tea?
- Sure. Wait until the water is hot.*

Go ahead/ Do it. You have my permission.

E.g. May I ask you a question? - Go ahead.

No problem/ I don't have a problem with your doing it.

*E.g. Can I borrow your bicycle?
No problem. Don't forget to return it, though.*

Shoot! / Say it! Ask your question!

E.g. Can I say something? - Sure. Shoot.

It doesn't bother me any.

It does not trouble me and I don't have any objections.