

# 1.6 Speaking

## Asking for and offering help

### 1 1.2 Listen and repeat the phrases.

#### SPEAKING Asking for and offering help

##### Asking for help

Can/Could you help me?  
Would you mind helping me?  
Can/Could you give me a hand (with this box)?

##### Replies

Of course. Sure!  
Sorry, I can't. Of course not.  
I'll be with you in a minute.

##### Offering help

Do you need any help/anything else?  
Can I get you anything?  
Can/May I help you?  
Do you need/Can I give you a hand?  
What can I do for you?

##### Replies

That would be great, thanks.  
That's really nice of you, thanks.  
Thanks for helping/your help.  
No, I'm fine, but thanks anyway.

### 2 Order the words to make questions.

1 me / a hand / can / give / you / ?

Can you give me a hand?

2 else / need / you / do / anything / ?

3 you / get / can / anything / I / ?

4 need / a hand / you / do / ?

5 me / could / help / you / ?

6 a hand / can / you / give / I / ?

7 help / may / you / I / ?

8 you / can / for / what / I / do / ?

9 with / give / you / my / me / a hand / could / homework / ?

10 you / me / would / helping / mind / ?

### 3 Match questions 1–7 with responses a–g.

1  b Can I get you anything to drink?  
2  This exercise is too difficult. Can you help me?  
3  May I help you? You look lost.  
4  You seem stressed. Can I give you a hand?  
5  Can you give me a hand with these bags?  
6  Would you mind helping me? I'm looking for the staff room.  
7  Here are the books you ordered. Do you need anything else?

a That would be great, thanks. I just don't understand this Maths problem.  
b ~~No, thanks. I'm fine.~~  
c That's really nice of you, thanks. I'm looking for the station.  
d No, these are all I need. Thanks for your help.  
e Of course not! I'll show you.  
f Sure! I'll be with you in a minute.  
g Of course! Let me carry these two for you.

### 4 1.3 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Then listen and check.

Jess: Steph, could you give me a <sup>1</sup>hand with something?

Steph: <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_! I'll be with you in a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sorry about that. What can I help you with?

Jess: I'm having problems with my Maths homework – it's really difficult. Would you <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ helping me?

Steph: Oh sorry, Jess. I'm really bad at Maths.

Matt: Can I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you a hand, Jess? Maths is my best subject.

Jess: That's really <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of you, Matt, thanks. Could you <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me with number three, here?

Matt: Of course! Let me look. Oh, it's simple – see? You just need to add these two numbers together and divide the total by this number.

Jess: Ah, I see! Thanks for <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_!

Matt: No problem. Do you need anything <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

Jess: No, I'm <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, thanks.