



HELPING PEOPLE



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Ways of helping people

Match the following phrases with their correct meaning and complete the sentences below, changing the form of the verbs if necessary.

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| 1. give somebody advice | a. give somebody money and expect the person to pay you back later |
| 2. lend somebody cash | b. help somebody to do something that requires some effort, e.g. carrying bags, doing homework, etc. |
| 3. put somebody up | c. let somebody stay at your place temporarily |
| 4. give somebody a lift | d. offer somebody your opinion about what to do or how to act in a particular situation |
| 5. give somebody a hand | e. stop somebody from being killed |
| 6. save somebody's life | f. take somebody somewhere in your car |

- Yesterday, James _____ me some good _____ on which laptop to buy.
- There were a lot of guests at the dinner party so I decided to _____ her _____ with the dishes at the end of the evening.
- I didn't need to take a taxi to the airport because my roommate offered to _____ me _____.
- Bruce fell off his boat and was unable to swim, but luckily a lifeguard came and _____ his _____.
- I didn't have much money so I asked Tom to _____ me some _____.
- When I was visiting Paris, an old friend of mine _____ me _____ for the night.



2

Offering help

Read the following offers of help and pay attention to the underlined structures:

1. Do you need any help with that form?
2. Can I give you a hand?
3. I can help you with your homework if you like.
4. Do you want me to call you a taxi?
5. Would you like me to help you with this exercise?



3

Practice

Write offers of help for each of the situations. Try to use the most appropriate structure:

You see an old lady trying to lift a heavy bag.

Your friend wants to buy her favorite movie on DVD, but she doesn't have any money on her.

Your teacher says that it's hot in the classroom. You are near a window.

You are a guest at somebody's house. The phone is ringing, but your host is busy in the kitchen.

Your friend is visiting your town, but all the hotels are fully booked. You have a spare room.



4

Accepting and refusing

Complete the replies below:

appreciate

kind

manage

myself

right

trouble

ACCEPTING

Thanks. That's very _____¹ of you.

Yes, please. If it's not too much _____².

Thanks very much. I'd _____³ that.

REFUSING

No thanks, it's all _____⁴.

No thanks, I think I can _____⁵.

Thanks very much, but I can do it _____⁶.

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Role play

Work in pairs. Take turns to read the offers of help you wrote down in the Exercise 3. Reply to each offer by accepting or refusing.

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Thanking

If someone says 'Thanks for your help', what can you say? Cross out the incorrect alternative.

1. That's OK/fine .
2. My pleasure/trouble .
3. All/Any time.
4. Don't speak/mention it.

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Role play

Work in pairs. Cover up the expressions in Exercise 6. Student A, Thank your partner for helping you with the things you wrote down in Exercise 3. Student B, respond to Student A. Change roles.