

SPEAKING: Asking for permission

- I can ask for permission to do things.

Part 1 Look at the photo below. What is the situation?



Part 2 Listen and complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box.

It's really good ..... watch TV later  
watch that wildlife programme on TV  
it's time for dinner

Lottie Dad.

Dad Yes?

Lottie Is it OK if I ..... ?

Dad No, I'm afraid you can't.

Lottie But Dad, why not? ..... .

Dad I'm sorry, but ..... .

Lottie Oh, OK. Can I ..... , then?

Dad Yes, of course you can.

Lottie Great. Thanks, Dad.

**Part 3** Look at the dialogue again. Match phrases a-d with 1-4 in the dialogue to create a new situation.

- a I think you've got homework
- b go to the cinema with Hana
- c go at the weekend
- d There's a really good film

Lottie      Dad.

Dad      Yes?

Lottie      Is it OK if I <sup>1</sup>.....?

Dad      No, I'm afraid you can't.

Lottie      But Dad, why not? <sup>2</sup>.....

Dad      I'm sorry, but <sup>3</sup>.....

Lottie      Oh, OK. Can I <sup>4</sup>....., then?

Dad      Yes, of course you can.

Lottie      Great. Thanks, Dad.

#### KEY PHRASES

##### Requesting permission

1 Is it OK if I / we ..... ?  
 2 Can I / we / you ..... ?

##### Giving permission

Yes, of course you can.

##### Refusing permission

No, I'm afraid you can't.  
 3 I'm sorry, but ..... .

**Part 4**

Match phrases a-f with 1-3 in the key phrases.

- a you're always on the computer .....
- b watch TV .....
- c it's late and you're got school tomorrow .....
- d go to a friend's house .....
- e use the computer .....
- f you need to help with the housework now .....