

GRAMMAR

can: requests and permission

1 Match questions 1–3 to sentences a–c.

1 Can I have some coffee, please?	a She wants to do something.
2 Can I go home now, please?	b He's asking for something.
3 Can you clean this table, please?	c He's asking a person to do something.

Complete A's questions with **Can I** or **Can you**.

Then write B's answers. Use **Sure, no problem.** /

OK. / **Yes, of course.**

0 A: Can you buy me a new football, please?

B: OK.

1 A: watch TV, please, Dad?

B:

2 A: use your digital camera? I want to take a photo of your baby brother.

B:

3 A: put these books on the table, please?

B:

4 A: help me with my homework?

B:

5 A: have an egg for breakfast, Mum?

B:

Match to make questions

- 1 Can you clean
- 2 Can you put
- 3 Can I use
- 4 Can you help me
- 5 Can we go
- 6 Can we have
- 7 Can we play
- 8 Can you show
- 9 Can I watch
- 10 Can I open

3 Listen and repeat. Then practise with your partner.

Yes, of course. Sure, no problem.
Yes, please. OK.

Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

Waiter: Good afternoon.

Woman: Oh, hello. Can I have a cup of coffee, please?

Waiter: ¹Yes, of course. / Yes, please. Would you like some sugar with that?

Woman: ²Yes, please. / OK.

Waiter: And would you like anything to eat?

Woman: ³Yes, please. / Sure, no problem.
Can I have an egg sandwich?

Waiter: ⁴Yes, please. / Yes, of course.

with my homework?
football after school?
the table, please?
bread and cheese for breakfast?
the window, please?
your smartphone, please?
TV, please?
me your new fitness tracker?
your books in your bag?
to the park after school?

Read the questions. Is the person making a request or asking permission?

- 0 Can you clean the kitchen, please?
request
- 1 Can I have some chocolate, please?
- 2 Can you close the window, please?
- 3 Can you get me some milk from the shop, please?
- 4 Can I have a table for two, please?
- 5 Can I go to the park, please?

Match the questions from Exercise 2 with the answers.

- a Yes, of course. Be home for dinner, OK?
- b Sure, no problem. Do you want some bread too?
- c OK. Are you feeling cold?
- d Oh, Dad! It's your turn to clean it.
- e Yes, of course. Come this way, please.
- f No, you can't eat it every day, Alba!

Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

drink eat have I like
of please problem water

Waiter: Good afternoon.

Girl and boy: Hello!

Waiter: Would you like anything to ¹ _?

Girl: Yes, please. Can I ²
a cheese sandwich please?

Waiter: Sure, no ³. Would
you ⁴ a drink?

Girl: Yes, ⁵. Can I have
a glass of apple juice?

Waiter: Yes, ⁶ course.
And what can I get for you?

Boy: Um. Can ⁷ have an
egg sandwich, please?

Waiter: OK. Would you like a
⁸ with that?

Girl: Yes, please. Can I have a glass of
⁹.

Waiter: OK.