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.