

Context listening

Mr Kent, Maria and Alex work together. Where do you think they work? What are their jobs?



You are going to hear three conversations. In which conversation:

- 1 does Alex make suggestions or offer to do things?
- 2 does Maria ask Alex to do things?
- 3 does Alex ask for permission to do things?

Listen again and complete these sentences.

- 1 Can I sit here for a minute?
- 2 I get a drink of water?
- 3 I use the phone?
- 4 you do those tables over there?
- 5 you help me put out today's menus?
- 6 And you check the salt and pepper?
- 7 Then you sweep the floor?
- 8 But we move some tables outside?
- 9 And we serve more interesting food perhaps.
- 10 I make one of my special recipes if you like.

Look at the recording script on page 187 and check your answers.
Now put the expressions in the box under the correct heading.

Can I ...	Would you ...	We could ...	Will you ...	Could I ...
Shall we ...	I can ...	Can you ...	Could you ...	May I ...

Asking for permission Asking someone to do something Making offers or suggestions