

## 9.6

## Speaking

Asking for, giving and refusing permission



### VIDEO



### CAN I SEE THE MAP?

Lena: It's so hot! Do you mind if I borrow your sun cream, Noah?

Noah: I'm afraid not. I haven't got much. Just kidding. No problem. Here. Can I have a look at the map, Mia?

Mia: Sure.

Mateo: This is a great walk, Mia. Well done!

Lena: Yes, but is it OK to stop for a rest?

Mia: Yes, of course.

*Later*

Mia: Yes! We've reached the top of the path!

Lena: Thank goodness!

Mia: Where are Noah and Mateo?

Lena: I hope they haven't had an accident.

Mia: I've got no signal. Is it OK if I borrow your phone, Lena?

Lena: Sure, go ahead.

Mia: There's a signal, but they're not answering.

Lena: Can I see the map?

Mia: Sorry, but you can't. Noah's got it.

Lena: Is it all right to go back to look for them?

Mia: I'm afraid that's not a good idea. We should stay together.

Mateo: Hi!

Mia: Mateo! Noah! Where have you been?

Noah: We found an easier path. Can we eat now? I'm starving.

Mia: It's not cool to disappear like that, guys!

Noah: Sorry.

Mia: OK, let's eat.

**SOUNDS  
GOOD!**

Thank goodness! •  
I'm starving! • It's not cool.

1  46 9.18 In pairs, describe the photo and answer the questions. Watch or listen and check.

- 1 What are the girls doing? How do they feel? Why?
- 2 What happened to Noah and Mateo?

### SET FOR LIFE



2 Which three skills are the most important for a good leader? Discuss in groups.

- giving good advice
- listening to everyone in the group
- making everyone in the group feel good
- preparing things well

3 Study the Speaking box. Find examples of the phrases in the dialogue.

#### SPEAKING

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##### Asking for permission

Can I/we ...?

Do you mind if I/we ...?

Is it OK/all right (for me/us) to ...?

Is it OK/all right if I/we ...?

##### Giving permission

Yes, of course. No problem. Sure, go ahead.

##### Refusing permission

Sorry/I'm sorry, but you can't.

I'm afraid that's not possible.

I'm afraid that's not a good idea.

4 9.19 Complete the dialogues with one word in each gap. Listen and check.

- 1 Jim: Is it OK for me to use your dictionary?  
Ella: Sure – go \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Ivy: \_\_\_\_\_ I have some juice?  
Max: \_\_\_\_\_ problem! There's a carton in the fridge.
- 3 Ava: Is it all \_\_\_\_\_ if I use your phone?  
Lily: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ course!  
Ava: Oh, and do you \_\_\_\_\_ if I borrow your charger?  
Lily: I'm afraid that's not \_\_\_\_\_. We haven't got one!

#### YOUR WORLD

5 In pairs, ask for permission. Use the ideas below and the Speaking box to help you.

- borrow a pen
- use a mobile
- ask a favour
- look at the notes