



14 Asking for and giving permission

Can I borrow a pen, please?

Yes, you can. / No, sorry, you can't. /

Sure, no problem.

Is it OK if I use your mobile?

No, sorry, it isn't OK. / Oh, all right. /

Yes, that's fine.

1 Complete the questions and answers.

1  A: Is it OK if I use your mobile?

B: _____, all right.

2  A: _____ I borrow your _____, please?

B: Sure, no _____.

3  A: Is it _____ if I use your _____?

B: Yes, that's _____.

4  A: Can I _____ your _____, please?

B: _____, you can.

5  A: Can I borrow your _____, _____?

B: No, _____, you can't.

LOOK!

Please can I go to the party?
Can I go to the party, please?

2 Write two questions asking for permission with please for each situation.

1 You want to go to the cinema.

a Please can I go to the cinema?

b Can I go to the cinema, please?

2 You want to use your dad's laptop.

a _____

b _____

3 You want to borrow a friend's mobile.

a _____

b _____

3 Complete the dialogues. Sometimes there is more than one answer.

Can I borrow your mobile, please? No, it isn't.
Is it OK if I use yours? Please can I go to the cinema? Sure, no problem. Yes, you can.

Dialogue 1

Elena: We've got a Maths test today. Have you got your calculator this time?

Tom: Oh no, I forgot it. ¹Is it OK if I use yours?

Elena: ²_____ I need it for the test!

Tom: OK, I understand. I hope the test is easy!

Dialogue 2

Jess: Hi Tom. Do you want to go to the cinema?

Matt: Sure, but I have to ask my mum first.

³_____ I don't have my phone with me.

Jess: ⁴_____ Here you are.

Matt: Thanks. Oh, hi mum. ⁵_____

Mum: ⁶_____

4 Look at the notes and write a dialogue asking for permission.

Who: Paul and Leo
Where: go to the swimming pool
Ask Leo's dad for permission
Permission: No
Why: homework

Paul: _____

Leo: _____

Dad: _____

Leo: _____

5 In your notebook, write a dialogue asking for permission. Use these notes.

Who: Anna and Milly
Where: go shopping
Ask Milly's grandma for permission
Permission: Yes