GRAMMAR *can*: requests and permission

Practice

requests	*Can* I have some milk, please? *Can* you open the window, please?
permission	*Can* I go out with my friends, Mum?

1 Match questions 1–3 to the sentences on the right.

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

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 Write *Can I* or *Can you*, and then finish the requests with the words in the box.

a film, please home, please me in the park me Spanish
me with my homework some soup, please the table
~~the washing-up, please~~

0 Can *you* do *the washing-up, please?*

1 _____ go _____ ?

2 _____ clean _____ ?

3 _____ meet _____ ?

4 _____ watch _____ ?

5 _____ have _____ ?

6 _____ teach _____ ?

7 _____ help _____ ?

4 Write *request* or *permission* next to the questions.

0 Can *you* do *the washing-up, please?* *request*

1 Can I go home? _____

2 Can you clean the table? _____

3 Can you meet me in the park? _____

4 Can I watch a film, please? _____

5 Can I have some soup, please? _____

6 Can you teach me Spanish? _____

7 Can you help me with my homework? _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 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: _____

6 **A:** _____ meet me in the park after school?
B: _____

4 Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

Waiter: Good afternoon.
Woman: Oh, hello. Can I have a cup of coffee, please?
Waiter: [1] *Yes, of course. / Yes, please*. Would you like some sugar with that?
Woman: [2] *Yes, please. / OK*.
Waiter: And would you like anything to eat?
Woman: [3] *Yes, please. / Sure, no problem*. Can I have an egg sandwich?
Waiter: [4] *Yes, please. / Yes, of course*.

Now practise the conversation in pairs.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Match to make questions.

1 Can you clean	●	●	your smartphone, please?
2 Can you put	●	●	football after school?
3 Can I use	●	●	me your new fitness tracker?
4 Can you help me	●	●	TV, please?
5 Can we go	●	●	the window, please?
6 Can we have	●	●	your books in your bag?
7 Can we play	●	●	with my homework?
8 Can you show	●	●	the table, please?
9 Can I watch	●	●	to the park after school?
10 Can I open	●	●	bread and cheese for breakfast?

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

0 Can you clean the kitchen, please? _____

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? _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 Match the questions from Exercise 2 with these 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. *0*
e Yes, of course. Come this way, please. .....
f No, you can't eat it every day, Alba! .....

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