

6.4 Modals: Making Request, Offer, Permission and Promise

Start!





Making requests

A request is how we politely ask someone to do something. There are many types of requests depending on where we are and who we are talking to. There are some forms that are considered to be more polite than others.

Polite : Can you help me with this new computer program?

More polite : Could you help me with this new computer program?

Would you help me with this new computer program?

Do you think you could help me with this new computer program?

Could you possibly help me with this new computer program?

Do you mind helping me with this new computer program?

Would you mind helping me with this new computer program?

Response : Sure. / Of course. / No problem.





Making Offers

- We make an offer when we want to do something for someone, or say that we will do it.

Can I open the door for you?

Yes, please. / No, thanks.

Shall I open the door for you?

I'll open the door for you.

- An offer also means to ask someone if they want something.

Would you like something to drink?

Permission

A permission is asked when someone wants to be allowed to do something.

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Polite :	<u>Can</u> we go home now?
More polite :	<u>Could</u> we go home now?
	<u>Do you think</u> we <u>could</u> go home now?
	<u>May</u> we go home now?
	<u>Do you mind</u> if we go home now?
	<u>Is that all right if</u> we go home now?
Response :	Yes, you can. / That's all right. No, you can't. / Sorry, no.



Making a Promise

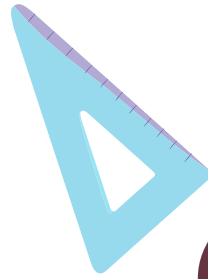
I'll submit the project by tomorrow.

We won't do that again, we promise.





EXERCISE



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4



Exercise 1 Complete the sentences, using should or shouldn't.



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1. Teacher: Marco, _____ help me carry this?
Marco: _____, teacher.

1

Would you please / Yes, of course

2

you will / Yes, certainly

3

you can / Of course

4

Would you / No, thanks.





Exercise 1 Complete the sentences, using should or shouldn't.



Click on Number

2. Student: _____ help me with my homework, please?
Teacher: Of course!

1

Could you

2

Could you please

3

May you

4

Might you





Exercise 1 Complete the sentences, using should or shouldn't.



Click on Number

3. Teacher, _____ explain this grammar to me again, please?

1

Could you

2

you will

3

you may

4

Might you





Exercise 1 Complete the sentences, using should or shouldn't.



Click on Number

4. Bella, _____ send me the file by email?

1

you could

2

would please you

3

would you please

4

you may





Exercise 1 Complete the sentences, using should or shouldn't.



Click on Number

5. Sandy, _____ send these letters right away?

1

do you can

2

may you

3

can you

4

you would





Exercise 2 Put the words into correct order to build sentences.



1. please / we / out / , / go / Can / ?

Can we go out, please?

2. you / but / I'm / afraid / here / . / can't / smoke

I'm afraid but you can't smoke here.

3. main gate / , / ? / we / open / Can / please / the

Can we open the main gate, please?

4. 9 / I / but / out / I / after / in / watch / pm / . / TV / bedroom / can't / can / go / my

I can't go out after 9 pm but I can watch TV in my bedroom.

5. class / . / chat / can't / in / You / the

You can't chat in the class.



Exercise 3 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

1. I've got an idea. Shall we record the conversation on this phone?
2. Do you think you should have some rest after a long haul flight?
3. Would you mind carrying this for me?
4. Swimming is perhaps is not a good idea. How about going to the gym instead?
5. It's freezing outside. Can/ Could / May close the window, please?
6. Is it all right if he skip this conference?
7. Let's ask someone for help.
8. You didn't do well in your exam. I think you 'd better not spend too much time on TV.
9. Could you possibly cook me dinner? I'm starving.
10. We 'll be right back, I promise.

