

**Lesson Topic:** Asking a favor in common expressions

**Goals:** Confidently ask for help in English

**Objectives:** Students will be able to :

1. *Asking a Favor*
2. *Granting a Favor*
3. *Refusing a Favor*

**Required Language skills:**

Students will politely ask for a favor by using can, could, would and may.  
When someone asks for a favor, they will have to either grant it (say yes) or refuse it (say no).

**Opening Warm-up/Review** (20-30 min)

**Audio :** <https://www.ello.org/english/Mixer126/T130-Pets.htm>

Listen to six people ask their friends if they will look after their pet while they are away.

**Quiz :** Check understanding (see vocabulary and quiz sections)

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**Introduction:** (15 min)

[https://cdn.burlingtonenglish.com/cache/worksheets/0/8109\\_8b6be974d2aa3fc708927d28f474d023.pdf](https://cdn.burlingtonenglish.com/cache/worksheets/0/8109_8b6be974d2aa3fc708927d28f474d023.pdf)

**Requests:**

1. *Can you please fix the Wi-Fi?*

2. *Can you please lend me your truck?*
3. *Can you please help me unpack the boxes?*
4. *Can you please call the landlord?*
5. *Can you please clean up this mess?*
6. *Can you please be at the apartment at 9?*

**Vocabulary:** (10 min)

[https://cdn.burlingtonenglish.com/cache/worksheets/0/9305\\_c74a4c95ea151428820fdf870e3c3fbd.pdf](https://cdn.burlingtonenglish.com/cache/worksheets/0/9305_c74a4c95ea151428820fdf870e3c3fbd.pdf)

**Presentation:** (15 min)

### Asking a Favor

Could / Would you do me a favor?

*Could you do me a favor?* is used to find out if someone will do a favor for you as a way to begin the conversation. The form *Would you do me a favor?* is more formal.

***Would you do me a favor?***

***Could you do me a favor?***

Could you please + verb

Use the simple form of the verb (do) to ask for help with specific actions such as asking for help in daily situations.

***Could you please take me to work?  
Could you please lend me a hand?***

Could you possibly + verb

Use the simple form of the verb to ask for help with specific situations while being extremely polite.

***Could I possibly take some time off to help?  
Could you possibly work overtime today?***

Could I ask / bother / trouble you + infinitive

Use the infinitive form of the verb (to do) to ask for a favor in formal situations.

***Could I ask you to help my brother?  
Could I bother you to give me a ride to work?  
Could I trouble you to open the door for me?***

Would you mind + verb + ing

Use the gerund form of the verb (doing) to ask for a favor in everyday situations.

***Would you mind closing the window?  
Would you mind cooking dinner tonight?***

Would it be too much trouble for you + infinitive

Use this form with the infinitive to ask for a favor in very formal situations.

*Would it be too much trouble for you to let me come in late tomorrow?*

*Would it be too much trouble for you to take a look at this letter?*

May I + verb?

Use the simple form of the verb with "may" when the favor you're asking requires permission.

*May I leave class early?*

*May we use your telephone?*

### Granting a Favor

*Sure.*

*No problem.*

*I'd be happy to help you.*

*It would be my pleasure.*

*I'd be glad to help out.*

### Refusing a Favor

*I'm afraid I can't.*

*Sorry, but I'm unable + infinitive*

*Unfortunately, I'm not able + infinitive.*

**Guided Practice:** (10 min)

**Asking a favor** (Do not use the same phrase over and over again)

**Write in the chat box:**

1. *Can you please fix the Wi-Fi?*
2. *Can you please lend me your truck?*
3. *Can you please help me unpack the boxes?*
4. *Can you please call the landlord?*
5. *Can you please clean up this mess?*
6. *Can you please be at the apartment at 9?*

**Breakout Room Practice** (12 min)

**Asking for a favor which is granted**

*Ask someone to ...*

1. *give you a ride*
2. *cook a meal*
3. *help you with your homework*
4. *pick you up from the airport*

**Asking for a favor which is refused**

*Ask someone to ...*

1. *loan you \$50 for the weekend*

- 2. check your writing or correct your grammar*
- 3. let you take a day off work*
- 4. babysit your baby girl*

**Evaluation:** (20 min)

Audio: <https://www.liveworksheets.com/ru922031uh>

- 1. What favors is she asking?*
- 2. Match the sentences*

**Kahoot.it** Asking a favor ( 6 questions)

<https://create.kahoot.it/details/875146ee-39ff-49ee-9ae7-8dc5bd8f19bc>

**Motivation: Reading Led by a student** (20-30 min)

Moving into a New Apartment ( select 0.75 speed )

<https://www.eslfast.com/begin6/b6/b6018.htm>

**Practice:**

*Vocabulary/Cloze/Sentence Order*

**Feedback:**

**Teacher's Notes:**