

# EnglishClip 6 - Permission



Sara: Kate, I left home with the wrong bag.  
Can I borrow some paper?  
Kate: Sure, no problem.  
Sara: And, could I borrow your USB?  
Kate: Okay, I don't need it today.  
Sara: Oh, and could I possibly borrow your iPhone?  
Kate: My iPhone? I'm sorry, but I'm expecting a call.  
Sara: Never mind. Thanks, catch you later.

1. Practice the conversation above using these things.



2. Try this role play with your partner. You need to be more polite with your teacher.

<p><i>Small favor - friendly</i></p> <p>Can I ... Is it okay if I ... May I ... Could I ... Could I possibly ... I wonder if I could ...</p>	<p><b>A: Flatmate. Ask your flatmate</b></p> <p>... borrow your new jeans? ... borrow \$10? ... invite some people over for a party? ... borrow \$1000? ... use your toothbrush?</p>	<p>Of course. Sure! Yes, okay. No problem.</p> <p>I'm sorry but ... (say why) I'm afraid not ... (say why)</p>	<p> Thank you very much!</p> <p> Thanks!</p> <p> Never mind, thanks anyway.</p> <p> It's okay, thanks.</p>
<p><i>Big favor - polite</i></p>	<p><b>B: Student. Ask your teacher</b></p> <p>... turn down the air-con? ... leave class early? ... go to the restroom? ... take the test again? ... miss 4 classes? ... charge my phone in class?</p>		

3. Choose 8 things to say yes to ✓ and 8 to refuse X

Teacher

- 1 ... turn down the air-con?
- 2 ... leave the class early?
- 3 ... go to the restroom?
- 4 ... take the test again?
- 5 ... charge my phone in class?

Flatmate

- 6 ... borrow your new jeans?
- 7 ... borrow \$1000?
- 8 ... have a party next weekend?
- 9 ... borrow your car?
- 10 ... use your toothbrush?

Boss

- 11 ... take a day off?
- 12 ... leave an hour early?
- 13 ... take 2 hours for lunch?
- 14 ... start 2 hours late tomorrow?
- 15 ... take 2 weeks off?
- 16 ... borrow \$100?



Put the numbers 1~16 in the spaces.  
Player 1 can ask anyone in the group a question. Yes answer = 0. No = X ... next player ...

