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## Ask Permission and Make Requests

A. Use the expressions below to make indirect questions for situations 1 to 10.

**Making a Request (to someone else)**

**Asking for Permission (for yourself)**

I wonder if you could...?

Would you mind if I...?

I'd be grateful if you could...

I wonder if it might be possible to...?

Could you possibly...?

I wonder if I could...?

Do you think you could...?

Is it all right if I...?

1. Ask a friend for a favour \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask a policeman for directions \_\_\_\_\_
3. You need to borrow a friend's phone \_\_\_\_\_
4. Ask to borrow your friend's car \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ask someone to open the door for you \_\_\_\_\_
6. Interrupt someone in a meeting \_\_\_\_\_
7. You have just arrived at a hotel \_\_\_\_\_
8. You need to change your flight \_\_\_\_\_
9. You stop a taxi and speak to the driver \_\_\_\_\_
10. It's hot. You want to open the window \_\_\_\_\_

B. Fill in the missing letters in the positive replies 1 to 5. Then, put the words in the right order in the negative replies 6 to 10.

1. Yes, pl\_ \_ \_ \_ d\_

2. Sure, g\_ ah\_ \_ \_

3. By a\_ \_ me\_ \_s

4. Yes, cer\_ \_ \_ \_ \_

5. Yes, o\_ c\_ \_ \_ \_

6. honest be to bit well inconvenient it's a \_\_\_\_\_

7. sorry I'm but busy I'm little right a now \_\_\_\_\_

8. possible not that's really I'm afraid \_\_\_\_\_

9. you actually didn't rather I'd \_\_\_\_\_

10. can't at I afraid I'm moment the \_\_\_\_\_

C. Work with a partner. Practice the language.

Student A - Ask permission and make requests using the situations from Exercise A.

Student B - Give positive and negative replies.

Change roles when you have finished.

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Answer Key - Exercise B

1. Yes, please do.
2. Sure, go ahead.
3. By all means.
4. Yes, certainly.
5. Yes, of course.
6. Well, to be honest, it's a bit inconvenient.
7. I'm sorry but I'm a little busy right now.
8. That's not really possible. I'm afraid.
9. I'd rather you didn't, actually.
10. I'm afraid. I can't at the moment.

'I'm afraid' and 'actually' can be at the beginning or end.