



TITRE DE LA LEÇON : PERMISSION

Discipline : Anglais

Sous-discipline : Communication

Cycle : Lycée

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Niveau : Première C et D

Permission is the act of permitting somebody to do something.

1-Asking for and giving permission formally

Asking for permission formally	Giving permission formally
May I, please?	Yes, you may/ Yes, of course.
Could I....., please?	Yes, of course/ Yes, certainly.
Would it be possible for me to, please?	No problem.
Would you mind + verb+ ing....., please?	Yes, of course.
Would you mind if I, please?	Certainly.

Examples:

May I turn on the light, please?	- Yes, of course.
Could I have another cup of tea, please?	-Yes, certainly.
Would it be possible for me to use your computer, please?	-No problem.
Would you mind lending me your pen, please?	-Yes, of course.
Would you mind if I come and see your new apartment, please?	-Yes, of course.

2- Asking for and refusing to give permission formally

Asking for permission formally	Refusing to give permission formally
May I, please?	No, you may not.
Could I....., please?	No, you couldn't.
Would it be possible for me to, please?	I'm sorry but that's not possible.
Would you mind + verb+ ing....., please?	Well, actually, I
Would you mind if I, please?	Unfortunately, I

3-Asking for and giving permission informally

Asking for permission informally	Giving permission informally
Can I, please?	Yes, you can/ Yes, sure.
Can we, please?	Yes, please do/ Yes, do.

Example:

Can I use your computer, please?	-Yes, you can.
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4- Asking for and refusing to give permission informally

Asking for permission informally	Refusing to give permission informally
Can I, please?	No, you can't
Can we, please?	No, please/ No, please don't.
	I'm afraid, but you can't.
	Sorry, but I

Example: Can I borrow your pen, please? -No, you can't.



Exercise one: Ask someone for permission. Use Can/Could/May

Example: You need some more coffee. - **Can I have some more coffee, please?**

- 1- You want to ask a question. -
- 2- You want your friend to help you with your homework. -
- 3- You need to borrow 10,000 CFA francs. -
- 4- You want to borrow a book in the library. -
- 5- You want your sister to turn down the music. -
- 6- You want the door to be opened. -
- 7- You want to use your friend's calculator. -
- 8- You want to go to the park and ride a bike. -

Practice 1: Work in pairs. Ask for permission to do these things, first formally, then informally.

Example: Play the guitar – **May I play the guitar, please?**

- open the door
- use your phone
- turn off the light
- turn on the television

Practice 2: Work in pairs. Use the suggestions below to ask for and refuse to give permission formally and informally. Refuse with a different reason each time

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| -smoke. | This is a non-smoking compartment. |
| | There's a no smoking sign. |
| -play you "Bokoko" record. | I lent it to my sister. |
| | The amplifier is broken. |
| -telephone you at work. | I haven't got a phone in my office. |
| | It's against the rules. |