

**TITRE DE LA LEÇON : MAKING REQUESTS****Discipline : Anglais****Sous-discipline : Expression orale****Cycle : Lycée**

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Niveau : Terminale A

A request is the act of asking for something or asking someone to do something in a polite or formal way.

Example

Jack: Could you lend me some money, please?

Rod: Yes, of course.

Example

Kate: I wonder if you could help me with this exercise.

Betty: I'm afraid I can't.

A- Asking for something

- Can I / you ..., please?
- Could you ... (+ infinitive without "to"), please?
- I wonder if ...
- Would you ..., please?
- Would you mind +verb + ing... ?
- Do you mind +verb + ing... ?
- Would you mind if I + past simple... ? (used for permission)
- Do you think you could ... ?

Example:

- 1-Would you give me your pen, please?
- 2-Would you mind if I used your computer, please?

A- Asking someone to do something

- Can you ..., please?
- Could you ... (+ infinitive without "to"), please?
- I wonder if ...
- Would you ..., please?
- Would you mind +verb + ing... ?
- Do you mind +verb + ing... ?
- Do you think you could ... ?

Example:

- 1-Would you take the children to school, please?
- 2-Could you clean the board, please?

C-How to respond to requests**a)-Agreeing**

- Yes, of course.
- Certainly.



- Yes, certainly.
- Sure.
- Yes, I'll do that.

b)-Refusing

- Certainly not.
- I'm afraid, I can't.
- Sorry, I can't.
- No, not at all.
- Actually, I'd like to ...

Practice

Exercise one : Complete the requests

- 1-Ask your brother to clean the bedroom. Can you
- 2-Ask your teacher to help you with an exercise. Would you mind.....?
- 3-Ask a friend to follow your explanation. Could you
- 4-Ask a neighbour to take care of your baby. Do you think you could
- 5-Ask a friend to go to Mougali Market for you. Do you mind

Exercise two : Complete with the polite requests. Use the words in brackets.

Example: I want you to explain me this exercise. (Could) → Could you explain me this exercise?

- 1-Help me with these bags! (Could)
- 2-I want to see your identity card. (Could)
- 3-Speak up! (Would you mind)
- 4-Get me a drink. (Would)
- 5-We want to see your new phone. (Could)
- 6-I want to use your ruler. (Would you mind)

Exercise three : Complete these requests with the correct option in brackets.

- 1-Could you me the pepper, please? (pass/passing)
- 2- you mind calling the secretary? (can/would)
- 3- "Can take a seat, please?" (I/you) – "Sure".
- 4-Would you the window, please? (open/opening)
- 5-Do you mind if I you at the office? (call/called)
- 6-Would you mind it on the board, please? (write/writing)

Exercise four : Practice

You: Ask a friend to:

- Help you translate a text into English.
- Give you his/her English notebook.
- Explain a word in French.
- Call the neighbour next door.

Your friend:

- Agrees:
- Refuses with an excuse:
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Example:

You:

-Could you turn off the radio, please?

Your friend:

-Yes, of course.