



Asking for Permission

Key Structures

Can I / May I

Can I use your mobile, please?

Yes, you can / Of course you can / No, you can't / I'm afraid you can't

May I put the TV on?

Of course, you may / NO, I'm afraid you may not

Is it ok if?

Is it ok?

Alright if I take the day off tomorrow?

Would it be ok if I left work a bit early today?

Do you mind if I turn the radio on?

Do you mind me smoking a cigarette?

And now a dialogue

Can I?

Man: Can I use your mobile please?

Woman: Yes, please do.

Man: May I use all of your apps?

Woman: Sure, they're all free.

Man: Is it ok if I text my girlfriend with it?

Woman: Feel free to do so, but could you possibly not talk to me for a couple of minutes.

May I?

Woman: May I take this seat please?

Man: Yes, you may.

Woman: Is this the train to Nottingham?

Man: Yes, it is.

Woman: Are allowed to smoke in the buffet cart?

Man: No, we aren't.



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Woman: Can I ask you a personal question?

Man: Yes, you can.

Woman: Why do you always answer in the same way?

Man: I'm practicing my grammar.