



Asking for a favor

Key structures

Could you do me a favor?
Could you do me a really big favor?
Could you help me please?
Yes of course.
Certainly.
By all means.
Sorry, but I can't.
I am afraid I can't.
Will you/ would you do me a favor?
Would you mind helping carry this box?
Would it be alright if I used your printer?
Would you give me his email address, please?
I wonder if you could /
I was wondering if you could help me write a thank you note?

And now a dialogue between Paul and Liz

Could you lend me?

Paul: Could you lend me some money for lunch, please?
Liz: Sure. How much do you need?
Paul: Can I have 30 pounds please?
Liz: 30 pounds for lunch?
Paul: Welcome to London my dear

Could you do me a favor?

Paul: Hi Liz. I know you think I always call you to ask you for a favor, but could you do me a favor.
Liz: Hi Pete, what could I do for you?
Paul: Could you feed my cat this weekend?
Liz: Sure, I love cats. No problem at all.



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- Paul: Thank you so much. You saved my life, or rather my cats life. I really owe you one. I will return the favor sometime.
- Liz: Actually, would you mind if I slept at your place? My parents are coming over for the weekend
- Paul: Not at all. Kitty loves company so make yourself at home.