Pragmatics:

Asking for help or a favor

Person 1 Person 2

Asking for help	Asking for a favor	Yes	Maybe	No
 Could you give me a hand? Can you help me please? I could really use some help. Think you can lend me a hand? Could I ask you to help me with this? Please help me with this. 	 Could you do me a favor? Can you please do me a favor? Could you do me a big favor? Can I ask you for a favor? Would it be possible to do me a favor? 	 Sure. No problem Of course. Yes, of course. What do you need? Ok. 	 Let me think about it. Let me check my schedule and I'll get back to you. Um, I'm not sure if I can. Let me think about it and I'll get back to you. Let me check first. 	 Sorry, but I can't. I wish I could help, but I can't. I would love to, but I can't. I'd like to, but I can't. I'm sorry, I can't.