**Pragmatics:**

**Asking for help or a favor**

**Person 1**  **Person 2**

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| 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. |