

Exercises

37.1 Read the situations and write questions beginning **Can ...** or **Could ...**.

- 1 You're carrying a lot of things. You can't open the door yourself. There's a man standing near the door. You say to him: Could you open the door, please?
- 2 You phone Kate's office, but somebody else answers. Kate isn't there. You want to leave a message for her. You say:
- 3 You're a tourist. You want to go to the station, but you don't know how to get there. You ask at your hotel:
- 4 You are in a clothes shop. You see some trousers you like and you want to try them on. You say to the shop assistant:
- 5 You have a car. You have to go the same way as Steve, who is on foot. You offer him a lift. You say to him:

37.2 Read the situation and write a question using the word in brackets.

- 1 You want to borrow your friend's bike. What do you say to him?
(think) Do you think I could borrow your bike?
- 2 You are staying at a friend's house and you would like to make some coffee. What do you say?
(all right) Is it all right if I make some coffee?
- 3 You've filled in some forms in English. You want your friend to check them for you. What do you ask?
(think)
- 4 You want to leave work early. What do you ask your boss?
(mind)
- 5 The woman in the next room is playing music. It's very loud. You want her to turn it down. What do you say to her?
(think)
- 6 You're on a train. The window is open and you're feeling cold. You'd like to close it, but first you ask the woman next to you.
(OK)
- 7 You're still on the train. The woman next to you has finished reading her paper, and you'd like to have a look at it. You ask her.
(think)

37.3 What would you say in these situations?

- 1 Paul has come to see you in your flat. You offer him something to eat.
YOU: Would you like something to eat? ?
PAUL: No, thank you. I've just eaten.
- 2 You need help to charge the battery in your camera. You ask Kate.
YOU: I don't know how to charge the battery. ?
KATE: Sure. It's easy. All you have to do is this.
- 3 You're on a bus. You have a seat, but an elderly man is standing. You offer him your seat.
YOU: ?
MAN: Oh, that's very kind of you. Thank you very much.
- 4 You're the passenger in a car. Your friend is driving very fast. You ask her to slow down.
YOU: You're making me very nervous. ?
DRIVER: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't realise I was going so fast.
- 5 You've finished your meal in a restaurant and now you want the bill. You ask the waiter:
YOU: ?
WAITER: Sure. I'll get it for you now.
- 6 A friend of yours is interested in one of your books. You invite him to borrow it.
FRIEND: This looks very interesting.
YOU: Yes, it's a good book. ?