

Can/Could/Would you ... ? etc. (Requests, offers, permission and invitations)

A

Asking people to do things (requests) 사람들에게 ~하는 것을 묻는 것 (요청)

We use **can** or **could** to ask people to do things:

- ☐ **Can you** wait a moment, please?
- or ☐ **Could you** wait a moment, please?
- ☐ Helen, **can you** do me a favour? = Would you do me a favor?
(내게 한 호의를 베풀어줄 수 있나요?)
- ☐ Excuse me, **could you** tell me how to get to the airport?
(내게 말 해 주실 수 있나요?)

Note that we say **Do you think you could** ... ? (not can):

- ☐ **Do you think you could** take me to the station?
(너는 생각하니? / 너가 나를 데려갈 수 있었다고 / 그 역으로 // 당신은 저를 그 역으로 데려갈 수 있다 생각하시나요? (데려가 주실 수 있나요?)

We also use **will** and **would** to ask people to do things (but **can/could** are more usual):

- ☐ Helen, **will you** do me a favour?
- ☐ **Would you** please be quiet? I'm trying to concentrate.

조용히좀 해주실 수 있어요?(공손) = [그래도 시끄러우면] => **Could you please shut your mouse, at least for a second?**

Could you open the door, please?

너는 그 문 열 수 있니? / 제발 // 당신은 그 문 좀 열어 주실 수 있나요?



B

Asking for things

To ask for something, we use **Can I have** ... ? / **Could I have** ... ? or **Can I get** ... ?:

- ☐ (in a shop) **Can I have** these postcards, please? or 내가 이 엽서 가져도 될까요?
- ☐ **Can I get** these postcards, please? 내가 이 엽서를 얻어도 될까요? 소유 가능한지에 대한 여부를 묻는 것으로 have와 get 모두 같은 의미로 간다.
- ☐ (during a meal) **Could I have** the salt, please?

May I have ... ? is also possible:

- ☐ **May I have** these postcards, please?
- ☐ **May I help you?** (제가 도와드릴까요?)(매장, 식당)

C

Asking to do things

To ask to do something, we use **can**, **could** or **may**:

- ☐ (on the phone) Hello, **can I** speak to Steve, please?
- ☐ '**Could I** use your phone?' 'Sure.'
- ☐ **Do you think I could** borrow your bike?
- ☐ '**May I** come in?' 'Yes, please do.'

May is more formal than **can** or **could**.

To ask to do something, you can also say **Do you mind if I** ... ? or **Is it all right / Is it OK if I** ... ?:

- ☒ '**Do you mind if I** use your phone?' 'Sure. Go ahead.'
- ☐ '**Is it all right if I** come in?' 'Yes, of course.'

Could I use your phone?

Sure.

물론이죠
(= Go ahead)



ex) **Do you mind if I sit here?**
(당신은 사양하나요? / 만약 내가 여기 앉는다면... //)
-> 주의할 점

거의 모든 한국 학교 선생님들은 이것 그냥 내가 여기 앉아도 되나? 이렇게 해석해줌 -> 때문에 승낙할 때 항상 Yes 라고 하는 실수가 나옵니다.

하지만!!!! 이땐 No 라고 해야 수락입니다.

No, I don't mind. 라 해야 승낙입니다.

(아니요, 나는 사양하지 않습니다.)

D

Offering to do things

To offer to do something, we use **Can I** ... ?:

- ☐ '**Can I** get you a cup of coffee?' 'That would be nice.' 제가 당신에게 커피 한 컵 가져다 드릴까요? // 그거 좋겠습니다.
- ☐ '**Can I** help you?' 'No, it's all right. I can manage.'

May I help you?(제가 도와드릴까요?)(매장, 식당)

E

Offering and inviting

To offer or to invite, we use **Would you like** ... ? (not Do you like):

- ☐ '**Would you like** a cup of coffee?' 'Yes, please.' 커피 한잔 하실래요? // 네, 제발요.(please를 추가해 공손)
- ☐ '**Would you like** to eat with us tonight?' '**I'd love to.**' 나는 좋아!

I'd like ... is a polite way of saying what you want:

- ☐ (at a tourist information office) **I'd like** some information about hotels, please.
- ☐ (in a shop) **I'd like** to try on this jacket, please.

I'd like to have a glass of beer~