

Elementary - Can I ask you a favor? (B0040)

A: Um, sorry to bother you, um... my name is Rachel. I'm new here. Can I ask you a favor?

B: Hi Rachel, welcome on board. I'm afraid I can't help you right now. I'm getting ready for a very important meeting.

A: Excuse me, but can I bother you for a sec?

C: You know what, I'd love to help you, but I'm about to meet an important client. Do you wanna try Sean instead? He sits right over there.

A: Sorry to interrupt you Sean, could you do me a quick favor?

D: Actually, I'm working on a document that is due in a couple minutes. I really can't talk to you right now. Sorry about that.

A: Geeze! I just want to know where the bathroom is! What's wrong with you people!

Key Vocabulary

bother	<i>Verb</i>	annoy or disturb someone
can I ask you a favor	<i>Phrase</i>	ask someone to do a kind and helpful thing
on board	<i>Phrase</i>	to the company
can I bother you	<i>Phrase</i>	polite way of asking if you can interrupt someone
instead	<i>Adverb</i>	in the place of
sorry to interrupt	<i>Pronoun</i>	phrase used to begin speaking to someone when they are busy doing or saying something
do me a quick favor	<i>Pronoun</i>	do a small, helpful thing that won't take a long time

Supplementary Vocabulary

help me out	<i>Phrase</i>	help me
give me a hand	<i>Phrase</i>	help me with something
annoy	<i>Verb</i>	cause someone to feel slightly angry
bug	<i>Verb</i>	bother or annoy someone (informal)
disrupt	<i>Verb</i>	stop someone from working, or doing something