Asking for permission

Speaking strategy

Can I ...? is pretty informal. Could I ...? is more polite. We use these expressions with friends and

May I ...? is very polite. We use it in more formal situations, for example, with teachers and people we don't know well.



1 🕞 🕥 062 Watch, listen, or read Sofia and Luis are studying in school. Complete the sentences.

Sofia Can I borrow your ruler, please? I have to finish my Math homework.

Luis Yeah, sure. Here it is. Where's your ruler?

Sofia I left it at home with my pencil case, and some of my books! Oh, and could I borrow your pencil sharpener too, please?

Luis Sorry, Sofia. I don't have a pencil sharpener, but you can borrow my pencil.

Sofia Thank you.

Sofia wants to borrow Luis's ruler and

because she homework.

Sofia Excuse me, Miss Hill. May I sit next to

Jason today?

Teacher Why do you want to sit next to Jason? Sofia

Because I don't have my book. I left it at

home. I'm sorry.

Teacher OK, you can sit there for this class. But

remember to bring your book next time!

Sofia Thank you.

Sofia wants to 3

because she

book.

2 1 063 Real English Listen and repeat.

Can I borrow ..., please?

Yeah, sure. / No, (I'm sorry,) you can't.

Could I ..., please?

Yes, of course. / I'm sorry, but ...

May I ..., please?

OK, you can ... / No, I'm sorry, you can't.



- **f** / 1 Ben
- a wants to go to the cafeteria.
- 2 Tina
- **b** has to call a parent.
- **c** has to study for a test.
- d can't go to a friend's house.
- e has to collect a jacket.
- f wants to borrow a phone.

3 Liam

Beat the clock

In pairs, discuss what things you borrow from your friends. How many items can you think of in two minutes? Compare your lists with the class.







Imagine you want to borrow something from the people in the box. Read the Speaking strategy on page 62 again. Answer the questions about your conversation.

your English teacher your neighbor your dad your grandparents the school principal your brother or sister

- 1 What things could you borrow from these people?
- 2 Which conversations are formal? What expression(s) should you use?
- 3 Which conversations are informal? What expression(s) should you use?
- 5 Write dialogues for these situations.



Ask your mom for permission to go to a friend's birthday party. Your mom says yes. Ask your mom if you can both go to the mall to buy a birthday gift for your friend. Your mom says no because she has to have lunch. Say that you can go after lunch.



Ask your teacher if you can go to another teacher's classroom. You have to speak to the Geography teacher. Your teacher refuses permission and says that you can speak to the Geography teacher after the lesson.

6 Pairwork Practice your dialogues from exercise 5.



Link it!

Pairwork Choose one of the items from the Beat the clock activity and practice a dialogue in pairs. Try to add some details such as color, size, etc.

Compounds: some / any / no

You have to say something, Ava! I can't go anywhere. There's **nothing** I can do!

	Person	Thing	Place
some	someone / somebody	something	some where
any	anyone / anybody	anything	any where
no	no one /	nothing	nowhere

Think! Read the sentences. Then complete the rules with affirmative or negative. The store is somewhere on Lincoln Street. I'm not doing anything tomorrow. Is there anyone from the U.S. here? Nobody wants to play. We use compounds of: some in ¹ sentences. any in ² sentences and questions. no with the ³ form of the verb. Rules p.W27

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

There's someone / anyone at the door.

- 1 Nobody / Anybody wants to iron.
- 2 I can't find my bag anywhere / nowhere.
- 3 Does anyone / someone know where Oak Street is?
- 4 It's boring. There's nothing / nowhere to do.
- 5 I have something / anything important to tell you.
- Complete the story with the words in the box.

anyone no one something nothing someone nobody anything something anyone

It was Saturday afternoon. I was home. There was nobody in the house with me. I had					
to do. There v	vasn't 2	n't 2 good		on	
TV. I was bored and I was hungry. Then I heard					
3	upstairs. "Oh no!" I thought,			ght,	
"there's 4		in the hou	use!" I w	ent	
upstairs. "Is the	nere 5	there?" I asked,			
but 6	ans	wered. I o	pened th	ne door	
slowly. The window was open, but there wasn't					
7	there. T	hen ⁸		black	
and white ran out of the door and down the stairs.					
It was Coco-Mrs. Jenson's cat!					

3 Play a game! Find people who did the things below. Write their names in the chart.

Find someone who	Name
went somewhere last weekend	
did something interesting last night	
met someone after school yesterday	

Did you go anywhere last weekend, Victor?

Compounds: every

Everybody thinks I stole the phone!

	Person	Thing	Place
every	everyone / everybody	everything	everywhere

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Read the sentences. Then check (\checkmark) the correct answers.

They didn't eat everything.

There are cars everywhere.

Is everyone happy?

- · We use compounds of every in
 - a affirmative sentences.
 - **b** negative sentences.
 - c questions.
- · We use everyone / everybody with
 - a singular verbs.
 - plural verbs.

4 Complete the sentences with compounds of every.

La La Land was a great movie. Everybody loved it.

1	Check the shopping list. Do we have		
	we need?		-
2		in my family does some of the chore	S
3 My bike is my favorite thing. I ride it			٦.

- 4 Are you inviting to your party?
- 5 Your room's a mess! There are clothes
- 6 Macy's is a great store! It sells

Challenge

Look at the chart in exercise 3 and write sentences. What things did you do? What things didn't you do?

I didn't go anywhere last weekend, but I went to the movies last night.

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6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

anything something anybody someone nowhere no one nothing anywhere somewhere

No one wanted to wash up.

- 1 I left my phone —I can't find it.
- 2 We went to his house, but there wasn't there.
- 3 Do you know about computers?
- 4 We need who speaks Italian.
- 5 Yes, there's a post office, but it's near here, sorry.
- 6 I'm bored. There's to do here.
- 7 Did you go nice for your vacation?
- 8 I know a secret—it's that you don't know!

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7 Complete the sentences with a compound of every.

Is <u>everyone / everybody</u> listening? OK, I can begin.

- 1 Juan really likes sports. He runs
- 2 This is a great website for science. You can find for our homework here.
- 3 loves Ciara because she's so funny.
- 4 Is coming to the party?
- 5 We have to go right now. Do you have you need?
- 6 I looked in our house, but your phone isn't here.

Round-up

Read Amelia's blog. Choose the correct alternatives.





Nobody/ Anybody likes housework! In my family, ¹everyone / everywhere has to do ²anything / something because Mom and Dad work. For a long time, I ³had to / have to do the dishes. I hated it! But then my parents bought a dishwasher. Whow I ⁴have to / had to load and unload the dishwasher.

When we were young, my brother Dan and I ^shad to / didn't have to do anything. Well, we ⁶had to / have to make our beds and clean our bedrooms, of course, but that's all. Now we're teenagers, we ⁷had to / have to do other jobs every day. For example, I ⁸has to / have to set the table and do the vacuuming. Dan doesn't have to do ⁹anything / nothing like that. He only ¹⁰has to / have to take out the trash and feed Max, our dog. Mom says it's because he's only 13. I don't think it's fair!

On the weekend, we all have big jobs to do. I help Mom with the laundry, and Dad ¹¹ has to / had to clean the bathroom—¹² nobody / anybody likes that job. Dad is usually angry because ¹³ something / someone always leaves hair in the shower!

¹⁴Do you have to / You had to do a lot of housework? Does ¹⁵someone / anyone in your family like housework? 2 Use the words to write questions with have to. Then read the text again and answer the questions.

Who / housework in Amelia's family?
Who has to do housework in Amelia's family?
Everyone has to do housework in Amelia's family.

- 1 What job / Amelia / before her parents bought a dishwasher?
- 2 What housework / Amelia and Dan / when they were young?
- 3 What housework / Amelia / now?
- 4 What housework / Dan / now?
- 3 Think about housework. Write about you.
 - 1 Write two things you didn't have to do when you were young.
 - 2 Write two things you have to do now.
 - 3 Write two things that a family member has to
 - 4 Write two things that a family member doesn't have to do now.