

Free English Grammar * Gramática Inglesa Gratis

Asking for and giving permission

Cuando se pide algo es aconsejable usar la palabra "please".

"Please" se puede poner al principio, al final o antes del verbo.

Please, can you tell me the way to the railway station?

Can you please tell me the way to the railway station?

Can you tell me the way to the railway station, please?

Asking for permission

1. Dad, **can** I go out to play football with my friends, please?
2. **Could** I use your mobile phone, please? (*podría...*)
3. **May** I open the window, please?
4. **Do you mind** if I smoke? (*Te/le importa...*)
5. **Would you mind** if I paid you at the end of the month?
6. **Is it okay** if I sit next to you?

Giving permission

1. Yes, you **can**.
2. Yes, you **can**. ~~Yes, you could.~~ ¡Error!
3. Yes, you **may**.
4. I **don't mind**.
5. I **don't mind**.
6. Go ahead. - No problem.
Please feel free. - Sure - Yes, of course. - Yes, please do.
Yes, that's fine.

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Refusing permission

No, you can't.

I'm sorry, but that's not possible.

No, I'm afraid you can't.

I'm sorry, that's not allowed.

Nota

Para pedir permiso, "could" es más cortés que "can".

En *situaciones formales*, para pedir y conceder permiso, es preferible usar "may" en lugar de "can".