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| **Requesting Permission: Can, Could, May** | | |
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| **FORM:** | **Can**  **Could + Noun + Base Verb**  **May** |  |
| **USE:** | This structure is used to ask if something is permitted or allowed. “**May”** and “**Could”** are used in more formal situations. “**Can”** is used in informal situations, where the speaker and listener know each other well, or have equal amounts of authority. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *Can I have another piece of cake?*  *Could I leave work early?*  *May I ask a question?* | |

*Decide how formal each situation is, then write sentences to request permission using CAN, COULD, or MAY.*

1. You are at a friend’s house, and want something to drink.

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2. You would like to use your roommate’s computer.

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3. You can’t come to class tomorrow and want to ask the teacher for tomorrow’s homework now.

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4. You want to order some coffee and cake in a restaurant after dinner.

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5. You call your doctor’s secretary to make an appointment with your doctor.

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6. You want to borrow your classmate’s dictionary for a short time.

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7. You are asking your boss if you can have a day off on the weekend.

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8. The classroom is very hot and the windows are all closed.

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