

Test • Unit 22

Requests and Permission

College Life

Part I

1. *Can, Could, and Would* for Requests

A Write *C* (correct) or *I* (incorrect) for each sentence or question / answer.

- C 1. Can you check my assignment for me?
 _____ 2. Do you can show me the student center?
 _____ 3. A: Could you hold my books for me? B: Of course.
 _____ 4. Would you to turn the lights off?
 _____ 5. A: Can you lend me your lecture notes? B: Sure.
 _____ 6. A: Would you wait for me? B: I'm sorry. I wouldn't.

B Circle the less formal response.

1. A: Ian, can you help me find my keys? B: Of course / (OK)
 2. A: Hey, Rick. Can you pass me the scissors? B: Sure / Certainly.
 3. A: Would you show me my test, Dr. Benitez?
 B: Sorry, I can't. / I'm sorry. I cannot.
 4. A: Could you please repeat that, Mrs. Fortune? B: Of course / No problem.
 5. A: Mom, I'm going to take a nap. Can you wake me in half an hour?
 B: Sorry, I'm going to the store. / I'm sorry. I'm not available at that time.
 6. A: Could you call me back around 2:30, Professor Hayes?
 B: Sure / Certainly.

2. *Can, Could, and May* for Permission

A Write *C* (correct) or *I* (incorrect) for each sentence.

- _____ 1. May I ask you a few questions, Dr. Dembele?
 _____ 2. May I handing in my assignment on Tuesday, please?
 _____ 3. Could I to see you for a minute, Dr. Jimenez?
 _____ 4. Dee Dee, can I borrow that dictionary?
 _____ 5. Could we take a short break, Professor Morgan?

B Circle the more formal answer to complete the request or response.

1. A: Can I have another sandwich? B: Sure. / Yes, you may.
2. Can I / May I talk with you after class?
3. Could I / Can I sit here?
4. A: Can I take a look at your notes? B: Sure. Go ahead. / Yes, certainly.
5. May we / Could we turn in the assignment Monday?

Part II

A Complete the conversation. Circle the *less* formal word or phrase.

A child talks to his mother.

Child: Can I have a cookie?

Mother: Of course / Sure
(1)

Peter sees a friend in the restaurant.

Peter: Hey, Andy, it's great to see you! Can I / Could I join you?
(2)

Andy: No, you can't / Sorry, Peter. I'm in the middle of a business lunch.
(3)

Peter: Oh, OK. Can you / Could you give me a call later? I have a lot of news to tell you.
(4)

Andy: Certainly / No problem. I'll call you this evening.
(5)

B Complete the conversation. Circle the *more* formal answer.

A student talks to her professor after class

Student: Professor Henderson, may I / can I have a quick word with you?
(1)

Professor: Of course. / Go ahead. Is there a problem?
(2)

Student: It's this assignment.

Professor: Would you / Can you explain?
(3)

Student: Sure. / Yes. I already have two assignments due on Thursday.
(4)

Would you / Can you allow me an extra day for this one?
(5)

Professor: Sorry. / I'm sorry. That is impossible.
(6)