

**Do you mind if I ..... ?**

**Вы не против, если я .... ?**

**Вы не возражаете, если я  
.....?**

**asking for permission**

**Do you mind if I open the window?**

**Вы не против, если я приоткрою окно?**

(You (yourself) will open the window. Asking for permission very politely.)

**NB!** you can also say:

- 1) Can I open the window?
- 2) Could I open the window? (more polite than #1)
- 3) Do you mind if I open the window? (polite = #2)
- 4) Would you mind if I opened the window? (more polite)
- 5) Do / Would you mind my / me opening the window?

# Asking for Permission

When we ask for permission politely, we can use **would you mind if I + past** or **do you mind if I + present**:

- **Do** you mind **if** I **sit** here?
- **Would** you mind **if** I **turned** on this light?
- **Do / Would** you mind **my / me\*** opening the window? (*my – formal; me – more common*)



Do you mind if I strap your phone to my forehead so I can pretend you're looking at me when I talk?



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*"Would you mind talking to me for a while? I forgot my cell phone."*





*"Do you mind if I give you a little destructive criticism?"*

WEYAT  
GIN  
COLLECTION



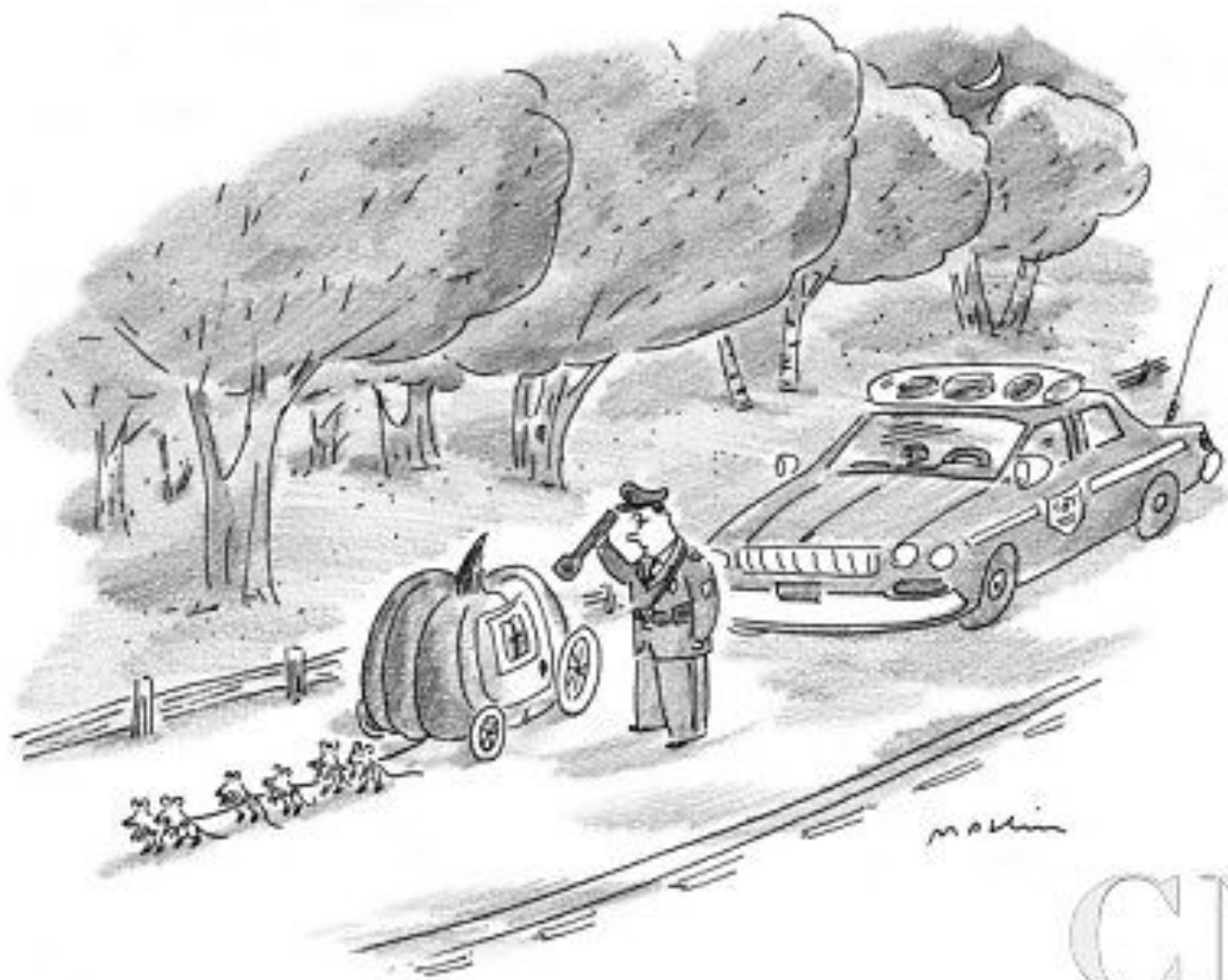
would you mind if I used  
your bathroom?





*"Hey, would you mind taking a quick sculpture of me and my family?"*

CN  
COLLECTION



*"Would you mind stepping out of the pumpkin, please?"*

CN  
COLLECTION

# DOCTOR FUN presents THE EYES HAVE IT

eyes-010



"Would you mind helping me peel some onions?"

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ME INTERVIEW YOU  
FOR MY BIG STORY.

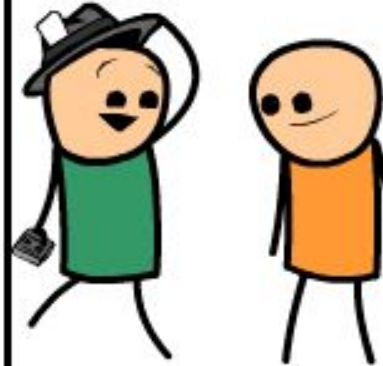


DO YOU MIND IF  
I RECORD THIS?

NOT AT ALL!



THANKS FOR  
YOUR TIME!



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## Local Man Doesn't Mind Being Recorded

In a stunning display of relaxation and kindness, Mr. Bill Jones told reporters he did not mind being recorded. While anyone else may have shown reluctance toward audio recordings, whether out of concern for privacy or a simple dislike of having their own voice digitized by someone else, Bill was completely okay with being recorded. This stands in stark contrast to our expectation that, in fact, not have wanted to be recorded. This reporter was certainly surprised, in the best possible way. Bill's quick and



# GIVING A PERMISSION

## Do you mind if I sit here?

- Sure, go ahead.
- Sure. No problem.
- 'Not at all. Please do.'
- No, I don't\* mind. (\*if someone asked: "Do you mind ...?")
- No, I wouldn't\* mind. (\*if someone asked: "Would you mind ...?")
- No, I don't\*. Please feel free.
- No, I don't\*. Fine! Feel free!
- No, I don't\*. That's fine by me.
- Sure. Be my guest.
- No, I don't. Please do.
- Well, I don't see why not.
- Sure. Help yourself.

# Structures Used when Asking for Permission

**Can I + verb - VERY INFORMAL**

# Can I go out tonight?

# Can he have dinner with us?

**NOTE:** The use of "Can I do something?" is very informal, and considered incorrect by many.

However, it is used in everyday informal speech

# Structures Used when Asking for Permission

## May I + verb

# May we go out with our friends tonight?

**NOTE:** In modern society, this form has become a little more formal and is often replaced with other forms such as "Can I..." and "Could I ...". Many argue that "Can I ..." is incorrect because it refers to ability. However, this form is quite common in everyday situations.



# Structures Used when Asking for Permission

## **Could I please + verb**

# Could I please go with Tom to the movie?

# Could we please go on trip this weekend?

## **Do you think I could + verb**

# Do you think I could use your cell phone?

# Do you think I could borrow your car?

# Structures Used when Asking for Permission

## **Would it be possible for me + infinitive**

# Would it be possible for me to use your computer for a few minutes?

# Would it be possible for me to study in this room?

## **Would you mind if I + verb in past**

# Would you mind if I stayed a few more minutes?

# Would you mind if I took a five minute break?

# Structures Used when Asking for Permission

- Is it okay if I use this ?
- Is it all right if I leave early ?
- Is it a problem if I leave early?
- **Would** it be all right if I **borrowed** your lawn mower?

# GIVING A PERMISSION

## Answers for questions on slides 14-18.

- Sure, go ahead.
- Sure. No problem.
- Yes, please feel free.
- Yes, fine! Feel free!
- Yes, that's fine by me.
- Sure. Be my guest.
- Yes, please do.
- Well, I don't see why not.

# REFUSING A PERMISSION

- I'd rather you didn't. / Yes, I do mind, actually.
- No, I'm afraid it's not allowed.
- Unfortunately, I have to say no.
- I'm afraid that's not possible.
- No, please don't.
- I'm afraid, but you can't do this.
- I'm sorry but .....

# Examples

**Son:** Dad, can I go out tonight?

**Father:** It's a school night! I'm afraid that's not possible.

**Son:** Dad, all my friends are going to the game!

**Father:** I'm sorry son. Your grades haven't been the best recently. I'm going to have to say no.

**Son:** Ah, Dad, come on! Let me go!

**Father:** Sorry son, no is no.

# Examples

**Jack:** Hi Sam, do you think I could use your cellphone for a moment?

**Sam:** Sure, no problem. Here you are.

**Jack:** Thanks buddy. It will only be a minute or two.

**Sam:** Take your time. No rush.

**Jack:** Thanks!



# Examples

Harry needs to make a call but his phone battery is flat. He's with his friend Bill.

**Harry:** 'Oh no, my phone's dead. Is it OK if I use yours? To phone Carol.'

**Bill:** 'Yeah sure. Go ahead. How are you and Carol getting on?'

**Harry:** 'Cheers. Not bad, not bad at all.'

# Examples

Paul needs to ask his boss for permission to leave work early the next day:

**Paul** 'Mr Clark.'

**Mr Clark** 'Hi Paul, is everything OK?'

**Paul** 'Yes thanks. It's just, do you mind if I leave early tomorrow? I need to take my sister to the airport.'

**Mr Clark** 'No, of course not. That's fine.'

**Paul** 'Thanks.'

# Asking someone to do something

We use the phrases **would you mind + -ing form**, and **do you mind + -ing form** to ask people politely to do things. Would you mind is more polite and more common:

- Would you mind being quiet for a minute?
- Would you mind (not) opening the window, please?
- Do you mind turning down the volume a little, please?

# SOME USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

- Ничего!, Неважно!, Забудем об этом!,  
Пустяки! (ответная реплика)

= **Never mind!**

- если вы не возражаете, с вашего позволения =  
**if you don't mind**

# **If you don't mind, I think I'll go to bed now.**

- иметь в виду; помнить, не забывать;  
запоминать

**bear или keep in mind**

# **Please, keep in mind, the meeting is on Tuesday, at 2  
p.m.**

- передумать, изменить свои намерения

= change one's mind

# Have you changed you mind?

- быть в нерешительности, колебаться, стоять перед альтернативой, не знать, на что решиться

= (BrE) be in two minds (AmE) be of two minds

# Elizabeth was in two minds whether to invite her to this party or not.

- не вмешивайтесь в чужие дела, занимайтесь своим делом

= mind your own business

= mind your p's and q's

- быть не в своём уме; сойти с ума, лишиться рассудка, рехнуться; помешаться;

= be out of one's mind

= go out of или lose one's mind

# 'Carol! Carol! Are you out of your mind? What the hell are you doing?'

# You're mad. You've gone out of your mind. I won't listen to you.

- расширять кругозор

= to broaden the mind

# This trip will help you to broaden our mind.

- принять решение, решиться (на что-л. или сделать что-л.)

= make up one's mind

# I could not make up my mind which university to enter.

- (глубоко) в душе, в сердце

= deep in one's mind

# Deep in my mind, I knew we wouldn't meet again.



- следить, обращать внимание

# **Mind your manners.** — Следите за своими манерами.

**Mind you grammar.**

- # беречься, остерегаться

# **Mind the broken glass.** — Осторожно, битое стекло!

# **Mind your head.** – Осторожно, голову.

# **Mind the stairs!** – Осторожно, лестница!

- на чей-л. взгляд, по-моему (по-твоему и т. д.), по моему (твоему и т. д.) мнению

= to one's mind

# To my mind, Prague is really worth visiting.

## PROVERBS

- Many men, many minds. / No two minds think alike.  
Сколько голов, столько умов.; Сколько людей, столько и мнений.
- Out of sight, out of mind.  
С глаз долой - из сердца вон.