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## Explanations

### Asking for permission

*Do you know the time?* (informal)

*Excuse me, could you tell me the* (formal)

*time? What does this mean, please?*

*How do you say (.....) in English?*

### Inviting and replying to invitations

#### Inviting

*Do you want to (go to the cinema)?* (informal)

*Do you feel like (going to the cinema)?* (informal)

*Would you like to (go to the cinema)?* (formal)

#### Replying

accepting *Thanks, I'd love to (go).*

refusing *I'm sorry but (I'm going to a party).*

*I'm afraid I can't.*

#### Making an offer

*Can I help (you)?*

*Shall I help (you)?*

#### Offering something

*Do you want (some tea)?* (informal)

*Would you like (some tea)?* (formal)

### Asking for, giving and refusing permission

#### Asking

*Can I (leave early)?*

*Is it alright if I*

*(leave early)?*

*May I (leave early)?*

*Do you mind if I*

*(open the window)?*

#### Giving

*Yes, you can.*

*Sure. That's OK.*

*Yes, you may.*

*That's fine.*

*Go ahead.*

*All right.*

*No problem.*

#### Refusing

*No, you can't.*

*Sorry, no.*

*No, you may not.*

*Sorry, but (I'm cold).*

(informal)

(formal)