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Explanations

Preferences

I prefer (tea) to (coffee).

I'd rather have (tea) than (coffee).

Promises

I'll be home at 8.30.

I won't be late again!

Reminders

Don't forget to (bring your dictionary on Wednesday).

Remember to (bring your dictionary on Wednesday).

Making requests

Can you (open the window), please?

(informal

Could you (open the window), please?

Would you mind (opening the window), please?

) (formal)

Replying to requests

Can you .../Could you ...?

Of course. Sure.

Would you mind ...?

(no answer; an action is enough)

Making suggestions

Shall we (go for a walk)?

Let's (go for a walk).

Why don't we (go for a walk)?

What about (going for a walk)? How about (going for a walk)?

Warning

Be careful!

Watch out!

Look out!

Mind out!

Careful!