

## Free English Grammar \* Grammatica Inglese Gratis

## Asking for and giving permission

Quando si chiede qualcosa è opportuno usare la parola "please".

"Please" si può mettere all'inizio, alla fine o prima del verbo.

*Please, can you tell me the way to the railway station?*

*Can you please tell me the way to the railway station?*

*Can you tell me the way to the railway station, please?*

## Asking for permission

1. Dad, **can** I go out to play football with my friends, please?
2. **Could** I use your mobile phone, please? (*potrei...*)
3. **May** I open the window, please?
4. **Do you mind** if I smoke? (*Ti/le importa...*)
5. **Would you mind** if I paid you at the end of the month?
6. **Is it okay** if I sit next to you?

## Giving permission

1. Yes, you **can**.
2. Yes, you **can**. ~~Yes, you could.~~ **Errore!**
3. Yes, you **may**.
4. I **don't mind**.
5. I **don't mind**.
6. Go ahead. - No problem.  
Please feel free. - Sure - Yes, of course. - Yes, please do.  
Yes, that's fine.

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## Refusing permission

No, you can't.

I'm sorry, but that's not possible.

No, I'm afraid you can't.

I'm sorry, that's not allowed.

## Nota

*Per chiedere un permesso, "could" è più cortese di "can".*

*In situazioni formali, per chiedere e dare un permesso, si preferisce usare "may" invece di "can".*