

**New Elementary 3**  
**Unit 4 Lesson A Grammar**  
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**Requests**

request = asking someone to do something for us

**Imperatives:**

- *Open the door, please.*
- *Please buy some milk for me.*
- *Don't close the door, please.*

**Can:**

- *Can you open the door, please?*
- *Can you buy some milk for me?*
- *Can I leave the class?*

**Could:**

- *Could you please open the door?*
- *Could you buy some milk for me, please.*
- *Could I eat some more salad?*

**Point:**

In requests, "could" is politer and more formal than "can".

polite ≠ impolite, rude

formal ≠ informal

**Will/Won't/Would:**

- *Will you open the door, please?*
- *Won't you put out your cigarette?*
- *Would you please buy some milk for me?*

**May:**

- *May I open the door?*
- *May I leave the class a bit early today?*

**Point:**

In requests, after "can" and "could", we use "you" and "I".

In requests, after "will", "won't" and "would", we use only "you".

In requests, after "may", we use only "I".

## How to Answer a Request:

### Accepting a Request:

- *Sure.*
- *Certainly.*
- *Of course.*
- *I'd be glad to.*
- *I'd be happy to.*
- *All right.*

### Refusing a Request:

- (I'm) sorry. (Give a reason.)  
Example:  
Sorry. I can't. I'm too busy.

## Mind

mind = be offended, be bothered, be troubled, be upset

### mind + Verb+ing

- *Would you mind opening the door?*
- *Would you mind buying some milk for me?*

### mind + if + ....

- *Do you mind if I close the window?*

### Point:

If you want to accept a request with “would you mind”, you should answer negatively.

Example:

- *Would you mind turning off the TV?*
- *No, not at all.*

### Source:

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