

Unit 8 : Communication

Lesson 9 Could I talk to you about
something?

Learning objectives:

Listening: To listen for specific information and order phrases correctly.

Speaking: To practise giving and responding to polite requests.

Reading: To read and answer questions.

Writing: To make preparatory notes for a roleplay.

Key vocabulary:

Could I ...

Can I ... ?

Polite

Impolite

break (broke)

borrow



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1 Talk about it



Can you remember your ideas about what Hamdan said to his teacher in Lesson 8? Tell your friend.

52 2 Listen



1 Listen and put these phrases from the conversation in order.

- a 4 The reason is that ...
- b 1 Could I talk to you about something?
- c 6 Thanks very much.
- d 2 I need to ask for ...
- e 5 Can I ... ?
- f 3 I'm sorry but ...

2 Was Hamdan more polite, or Nabeel?

Use of English

Polite requests

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Can I give it to you on Wednesday, **please**?

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**You want
the window
closed.**



Could / can you...

**You want to
use the
computer.**



Could / Can / May I

**You want
a drink of
water.**



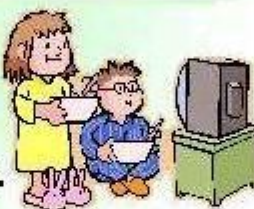
Could/ Can/May I.....

**You want
the door
opened.**



Could / Can you...

**You want
the TV to
turned on.**



Could / Can you...

**You want
to use the
telephone.**



Could / Can I ...

**You want to
borrow your
friend's
book.**



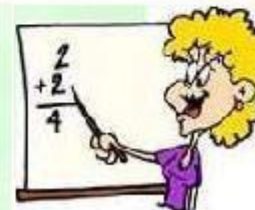
Could / Can / May I ...

**You want a
sandwich.**



Could / Can / May I ...

**You want
your
teacher
to speak
slower.**



Could / Can you ...

3 Role-play

Choose one of the situations, or think of your own.

1 You broke something expensive at home

2 You borrowed something from a friend, and forgot to give it back

Learner A explains the problem to Learner B.

Use the phrases from Activity 2 to help you.

Learner B listens. Can Learner B accept Learner A's explanation?

Practise the role-play together.



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1 Use of English Read the *Use of English* box. Choose the correct word.

- 1 Can I **borrow/borrowed** your pen, please?
- 2 Could my friend **play/played** football with us?
- 3 Please can my sister **borrow/borrows** your phone?

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Please could you help me?

2 Use of English Work with your partner and make the requests more polite.

1 Give me a pencil. (to a friend)

1 Could/Can I have a pencil,
please?/Please can I have a pencil?

2 I want to play football at my friend's house. (to your mother)

2 Could/Can I go to my friend's house to
play football, please?

3 I want two more days to finish my homework. (to a teacher)

3 Could/Can I have two more days to finish
my homework, please?

4 Give me the laptop to do my homework.
(to your father)

4 Could/Can I use the
laptop to do my homework,
please?

