

## Grammar

### Practice A

Complete the conversations with *May I*, *Can I*, or *Could I*. In some sentences, there is more than one correct answer.

- STUDENT:     *May I*     hand in my homework tomorrow, please?  
TEACHER: No, you may not.
- STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ borrow your grammar book?  
CLASSMATE: Sure.
- YOU: \_\_\_\_\_ use your computer?  
FRIEND: No problem.
- YOU: \_\_\_\_\_ have one of your cookies?  
ROOMMATE: Sure.
- YOU: \_\_\_\_\_ speak with Professor Jones, please?  
SECRETARY: She's not here right now. \_\_\_\_\_ take a message?

### Practice B

Write questions with *May I*, *Can I*, or *Would you mind if*. There may be more than one correct answer.

- You are at a friend's house. You want to use the telephone.  
    *Can I use your phone*    ?
- You want to sit next to a person you don't know in a fast food restaurant.  
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- You are in a restaurant. You ask for the check.  
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- You are in a shoe store. You want to try on the black shoes in the window in size 10.  
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- The teacher is carrying a lot of books. You want to help her carry the books.  
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- You are on the phone with a friend. The doorbell rings. You want to call your friend back later.  
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## Practice C

Match the requests and the responses. Write the letters.

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| 1. Do you mind if I close the window?                            | _____ | a. Sure. Go straight down this road.              |
| 2. Could you give me directions to the subway?                   | _____ | b. No, not at all.                                |
| 3. May I use your pen?   | _____ | c. No, not at all. You can leave now if you want. |
| 4. Would you mind if I leave early?                              | _____ | d. Yes, of course. Here it is.                    |
| 5. Could you help me with my homework?                           | _____ | e. Sure. I'll call you.                           |
| 6. Will you tell me when you finish work?                        | _____ | f. Sorry, I can't. I don't understand it myself.  |
| 7. Would you mind if I borrow your bicycle.                      | _____ | g. Sure. What do you want to talk about?          |
| 8. May I talk to you for a minute?                               | _____ | h. Sorry, I need my bike right now.               |
| 9. Could you show me the way to your classroom?                  | _____ | i. Sure. Here it is. I'll unlock it.              |
| 10. Would you lend me your phone for a minute?<br>I forgot mine. | _____ | j. Sure. It's up the stairs on the right.         |

## Reading

A. Read the text.

### Survey Central

Winning the lottery is the best thing that can happen to you, right? Everyone who buys a lottery ticket imagines how different life will be after they hit the **jackpot**. And in fact, many lottery winners say it has helped them to buy a new home, take a dream vacation, or send their children to the best schools. Often, winners put the money to good use by starting a charity or setting up a business. For them, sudden wealth brings happiness and **stability**.

But winning the lottery is not always a good thing. It can cause lots of problems. Here are some common complaints of lottery winners:

1. Most winners quit their jobs, but they get bored because they have too much free time.
2. Friends expect you to pay for everything. How can you say no when you have so much money suddenly?

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3. People and organizations always ask you for money. Because you won the money and didn't earn it, it's difficult to say no.
4. It's hard to know who your friends are and who likes you only for your money.
5. **Spouses** and partners argue about how to spend the money.
6. It's common to worry about people **robbing** you.
7. Most winners buy bigger, more expensive houses. However, they often don't have much in common with their new neighbors.
8. Lottery winners sometimes feel guilty about suddenly being rich.

And even if a lottery winner doesn't have any of these problems, it's quite common for a winner to lose the money. New winners often **invest** large amounts of money in businesses that they know little about. If the business does badly, they put more and more money into it. Or they may start to **gamble**. Gambling is probably the easiest way to lose everything quickly!

Do you still want to win the lottery?

**Glossary:**     **jackpot (n.) a large amount of money that someone wins in a lottery**

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**stability (n.) the quality of being stable (ความมั่นคง)**

**spouse (n.) a marriage partner; a husband or wife (คู่สมรส)**

**rob (v.) to take something from (someone) illegally, as by force or threat of violence (ปล้น)**

**invest (v.) to commit (money) in order to gain a financial return (ลงทุน)**

**gamble (v.) to play games of chance to win money (เล่นพนัน)**

**B.** Make a list of advantages and disadvantages of winning the lottery.

Advantages	Disadvantages
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