UNIT 09. Tailor Made (Lesson2)

- Asking for permission
- Asking for favours
- Discussion questions
- Review

1. Asking for permission:

(1) Polite to very polite

Permission is for something I want to do.

Q: **Can I**…try some of your food?

Q: **Could I**…borrow some money?

Q: **May I**…use your car?

(2) Answering permission questions

Consider if the request was polite enough.

Q: **Can I**…use your car?

A: **No way,** you want to use my car? That's too much to ask.

A: **Fair enough**, I guess you really need it right now.

Consider if the request was polite enough.

Q: **Could I**…use your car?

A: Well actually **I'd rather you didn't.**

A: **Sure**, I suppose you could use it if you need to.

Consider if the request was polite enough.

Q: **May I**…use your car?

A: **I hate to tell you no**, but I don't think I can.

A: **Of course,** you know you don't have to ask.

2. Asking for favour:

(1) Polite to very polite

Favours is for something I want someone else to do.

Q: **Can you**… buy me some coffee?

Q: **Could you**… find a blind date for me?

Q: **Would you**… teach me how to dance?

Q: **Would you**… do me a favour?

Q: **Would you**… mind getting me a drink?

(2) Answering favours

Consider if the request was polite enough.

Q: **Can you…** buy me some coffee?

A: **Get your own** coffee…? / **Do** it **yourself**!

A: **Sure, but you owe me one. / Your treat next time.**

Consider if the request was polite enough.

Q: **Can you…** buy me some coffee?

A: **Ah, maybe next time.**

A: **I don't see why not.**

Consider if the request was polite enough.

Q: **Would you**… buy me some coffee?

A: **I'm sorry to say,** I don't think I can.

A: **Of course**, why wouldn't I. No problem.

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3. Discussion questions:

1. Do you ask for help from staff in stores?
   Definitely. It doesn't hurt to ask them; "Can you help me find what I'm looking for?" It's always quicker this way.

2. Do you often do favours for others?
   I would say so. But of course it depends on how politely they ask me. If they're nice about it and their request is reasonable then I usually don't have a problem.

3. How do you feel when someone asks you for a favour?
   Most of the time I feel delighted to do them a favour. I'm a people-person so like I said, if someone is polite enough then I'm happy to oblige.