

Scenarios - Polite Requests

Your upstairs neighbors are extremely noisy, especially late at night. They stomp around and play their TV at a very high volume. You want them to keep it down in the evenings. What should you say?

Your boss is going on vacation, so he has moved your big presentation up so that he can hear it before he goes to the Bahamas for two weeks. You were surprised by the change in schedule and are not prepared to present yet. You want to do it after his vacation. How can you ask him to change the date?

Your private English teacher has been assigning a lot of grammar exercises in class lately, but you feel that these are taking up too much time. You would prefer to practice more conversation and do less bookwork. How can you ask your teacher to change the format of the lesson?

You want to invite your manager and her husband to your friend's art show. You don't know your manager that well and you think this would be a good opportunity to learn more about her. How can you invite her to the show?

You need a ride to the city this weekend. The drive isn't short, but one of your classmates has family in the city and goes there often. You don't know this classmate very well. How can you politely ask your classmate for a ride?

You really want to get family photos taken. You saw on Instagram that one of your friends had family photos done, and they look amazing! When you ask your friend about it, he said that even though they look professional, someone he knows did it at her home studio. Your friend sends you this person's phone number. How can you ask this person to take your family photos?