



Mini Lesson 085 - Using 'Would' for Polite Requests

The word "would" is often used to make polite requests in English. It helps you ask for something in a softer, more polite manner. This is especially important in conversations where you want to be respectful or courteous.

When making a request with "would," you typically use the structure:

Would + subject + verb?

Examples:

- Would you like some help with your homework?
- Would you mind closing the window?

Here are some key points about making polite requests using "would":

- It's a way to ask someone to do something without sounding demanding.
- You can also use "would" to offer something:
- Example: Would you like a glass of water?





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using "would" and the verb in parentheses.

1. _____ you (like) to join us for lunch?
2. I _____ (love) to hear more about your vacation.
3. _____ you (mind) passing me the salt?
4. She _____ (prefer) to study in the library.
5. _____ they (help) us with the setup?
6. I _____ (appreciate) it if you could send me the details.
7. _____ he (mind) opening the door for me?

Section 2: Rewrite the Requests

Rewrite the following sentences using "would" to make them more polite.

1. Can you help me with this problem?
- _____ you help me with this problem?
2. Can you turn down the music?
- _____ you turn down the music?
3. Could you give me a ride to school?
- _____ you give me a ride to school?
4. Will you close the door, please?
- _____ you close the door, please?
5. Can I borrow your book?
- _____ I borrow your book?





Section 3: Choose the Best Response

Choose the best response for each polite request.

1. Would you mind helping me with this project?

- a) No, I don't want to help.
- b) Sure, I would love to help.
- c) I can't help you.

2. Would you like some ice cream?

- a) No, thank you.
- b) I want ice cream.
- c) Yes, I would like some.

3. Would you please send me the report?

- a) I'll send it.
- b) I don't like reports.
- c) Maybe later.

4. Would you be able to join us for dinner?

- a) Yes, I would be happy to.
- b) I don't eat dinner.
- c) No, not possible.

5. Would you care for some tea?

- a) I don't like tea.
- b) Yes, please!
- c) No, I don't know.





Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks using "would" and the correct verb form.

A: _____ you (want) to go to the movies tonight?

B: That sounds great! _____ you (pick) me up at 7?

A: Sure! I _____ (be) happy to.

B: Thanks! I _____ (see) you then.

Section 5: Match the Requests with the Situations

Match each polite request to the correct situation.

1. Would you mind closing the window?

a) When it's hot in the room.

2. Would you like some help with your homework?

b) When a friend is struggling with their studies.

3. Would you care for some snacks?

c) When guests arrive at your house.

4. Would you help me carry this box?

d) When you're moving to a new place.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. Would you like to join us for lunch?
2. I would love to hear more about your vacation.
3. Would you mind passing me the salt?
4. She would prefer to study in the library.
5. Would they help us with the setup?
6. I would appreciate it if you could send me the details.
7. Would he mind opening the door for me?

Section 2:

1. Would you help me with this problem?
2. Would you turn down the music?
3. Would you give me a ride to school?
4. Would you close the door, please?
5. Would I borrow your book?

Section 3:

1. b) Sure, I would love to help.
2. c) Yes, I would like some.
3. a) I'll send it.
4. a) Yes, I would be happy to.
5. b) Yes, please!

Section 4:

- A: Would you want to go to the movies tonight?
B: That sounds great! Would you pick me up at 7?
A: Sure! I would be happy to.
B: Thanks! I would see you then.

Section 5:

- 1 - a
- 2 - b
- 3 - c
- 4 - d

