THEME 6 FAVORS GRAMMAR

MAKING REQUESTS

1. Could you please...?

2. Could you possibly...?

3. Do you think I could...?

4. Can I...?

5. Could I ask...?

6. Is it OK if you...?

7. Is it alright if I...?

8. Would it be possible to...?

9. I was wondering if you'd mind...

10. I was wondering if you could...

11. Do you happen to..........?

12. Would you mind if I...?

13. Would you mind...?

14. Does anyone mind if I …?

ACCEPTING REQUEST

1. I'd be happy to.

2. Yes.

3. Okay.

4. No problem.

5. My pleasure.

6. Sure!

7. I'd be glad to.

8. Doesn't matter!

9. That's fine.

11. Yes. Of course.

RUFUSING REQUEST

1. I'd be happy to but ...

2. No, no, no.

3. Never, ever!

4. No, I'm sorry.

5. I'm afraid I can't.

6. No, you can't.

DIALOGUES ABOUT MAKING REQUESTS

1. opening the window

Jack : **Does anyone mind if I** open the window, guys?

Susan : Well, I'd rather you didn't if you don't mind. I'm a bit cold.

2. asking for a change

Edward : **Do you happen to** have a change for five pounds?

Ruth : I'm afraid not, I've just used all my change in the canteen.

3. borrowing dictionary

Pam : **Can I** borrow your dictionary?

Tim : Yes, of course. I don't need it right now.

4. moving the table in the shade

Andrew : **Would it be possible to** move that table in the shade?

Waiter : I'm afraid that table is reserved sir, but I'll see what I can do.

5. warning students

Teacher : Pam and Carol, excuse me for interrupting but **could you please** continue your conversation after the lesson?

Students : Oh, we're so sorry, Mr. Bloom.

6. borrowing a car

Jane : **Do you think I could** borrow your car this weekend?

Sue : Normally I'd say no, but you are my best friend and I know you wouldn't ask for it if you didn't need it so much.

7. parking

Mary : **Is it alright if I** park here?

Sam : I'm afraid. You're not allowed to park here.

8. checking on an assignment

Student : **I was wondering if you could** spare me a minute to have a look at my assignment.

Instructor : Yes, of course. Let's go to my office, shall we?