

## Lesson 14: How to Ask Your Questions

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### 1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Kenji: Excuse me, sir. I've been meaning to talk to you about something. **May I** have a few minutes of your time?

William: I am kinda' busy but I can hear you out. What is it that you want to talk about?

Kenji: My fellow co-workers and **I are wondering if** we could have a team-building activity.

William: Sounds like a great idea. Could we squeeze it in our schedule before the busy season? Do you have any ideas for the location?

Kenji: **If it's not too much to ask** sir, could we have an out-of-town affair? There are a few suggestions. Would you like to hear them now?

William: **Do you mind if** we talk about this later?

Kenji: I don't mind at all, sir. Before I go, do you need anything? Some coffee or tea, perhaps?

William: Since you asked, **could I trouble you for** some milk tea from the shop across the street?

Kenji: Will that be all, sir?

William: Yes, that'll be all. Thank you, Kenji.

### 2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. **Do you mind if** I borrow your magazine?
2. **Could I trouble you for** a glass of water?
3. **If it's not too much to ask**, would you send the information to me by email?
4. **May I** please be excused?
5. **I was wondering if** you could help me with something.

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### 3. Your Task

You're a bank employee and you are processing a car loan for a client. You need to ask many questions about their identity and employment. Ask the client (=your tutor) at least five questions related to getting a car loan.

### 4. Let's Talk

Discuss the polite and casual ways of asking a question with your teacher.

If you were the head of the company, how would you express your questions to your employees?

If you were speaking to a child, how would you ask questions?

What is the best way to ask your boss a question?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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