



Plan

Think of a situation when you were asked to do something you didn't want to do. What was the request? What did you say?

Prepare

Group work Choose a request. Then call five different people and make the request. Write the responses and excuses to show the group. Use these requests or your own ideas.

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| Can you help me move? | Can you help me paint this weekend? |
| Could you help me study? | Could you pick me up at the airport? |
| Could you lend me \$100? | Can I borrow your new leather jacket? |
| Could you type my report? | Can you make me a copy of a CD/DVD? |
| Can you take a test for me? | Could you water my plants while I'm away? |
| Could you baby-sit for me? | Could you tell my boss/teacher that I'm sick? |

Present

Class activity Share your findings with the class. Use reported speech to explain your request and the responses. How many people refused your request? What were their excuses?