



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.

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?