

Reading

Could you please lend me your pen?



Make a conversation with your partner.

Practice



museum

toilet

Where's the theatre?

park

bookshop



Walk along **this road**, and take **the first turning on the right**. It's about a hundred metres along the road. It's next to the bank.



a hundred metres



train station

theatre

restaurant





museum

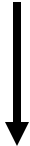
two hundred metres

park

toilet

bookshop

Where's the museum?



school



theatre

train station

restaurant





Walk **through** the front gate.

Walk **along** the road and walk **across** the bridge.

Turn left **at** the first crossing.

Walk **past** the hill, and you will see us flying kites there.



Where is the
People's Park?

主语 Asking(ask) for information

or help is a very **common**

and **necessary** activity when
we are **in trouble**.

Hey! Where is
the People's
Park?

My request sounds rude.

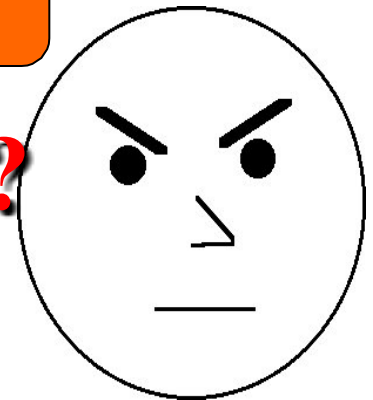


I don't know.



Is he glad to help me?

Why not?



stranger

rude = impolite

Excuse me. Could you please tell me where the People's Park is?

Polite

Sure. Take No. 23 Bus and you will get there.

Knowing (know) how **to ask** (ask) for information **politely** (polite) is very important.





Using suitable language!

运用合适的语言

文化

国家

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情况

Learning strategy: USING SUITABLE LANGUAGE

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Could you please lend me your pen?

Asking for information or help is a very common and necessary activity, especially when we visit a foreign country. So knowing how to ask for information politely is important. In English, "Where are the restrooms?" and "Could you please tell me where the restrooms are?" are similar requests - both are correct English, but the first could sound rude. It's important to use correct language, but sometimes this alone is not enough - we need to learn how to be polite when we make requests.

In English, just like in Chinese, we change the way we speak when talking with different people. The expressions you use might depend on whom you are speaking to or how well you know them. If you say to your teacher, "Where is my book?" this will sound rude. But if you say, "Excuse me, Mr West. Do you know where my book is?" your question will sound much more polite. On the other hand, it might be alright to say "Where is my book?" in some situations, perhaps with people you know well.

And you would not usually say, "Peter, lend me your pen." A very direct order like this can sound rude in English. Usually in English polite questions are longer and include extra language such as "Could you please...?" or "Can I ask...?" It sounds more

polite to say, "Peter, could you please lend me your pen?" Sometimes we might even need to spend some time leading in to a question or request. For example, if you stop a stranger in the street, we might first say, "Excuse me. I wonder if you can help me" or "I'm sorry to trouble



Match each paragraph with its main idea.

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 4

a) Requests are made in any language.

b) Using extra words helps to make language more polite.

c) Knowing how to make requests politely is important.

d) To become good English speakers, we need to do more than just learn language structure.

e) Requests in English are the same as in Chinese.

f) Choice of language depends on relationship and the

Paragraph 1

1. What do you think the two questions in paragraph 1?

Both are correct English, but the first one sounds rude.

2. Why is using correct language not enough?

Because we need to learn how to be polite when we make requests.(请求)

Paragraph 2

3. What should we do when we are talking with different people?

We should change the way (that / in which) we speak

4. What might the expressions you use depend on?

They might **depend on** whom you are speaking to or how well you know them.

3. What might the expressions you use depend on?

They might depend on whom you are speaking to or how well you know them.

4. What situations you can say “Where is my book?”

In some situation, perhaps with people you know well.

5. If you are looking for your book,

if you ask your teacher about it,

you should say **B ;**

if you ask **someone (who / whom) you know well**

about it, you should say “ **A ”.**

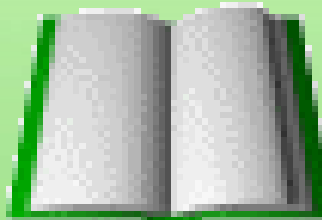
A. Where is my book?

B. Excuse me, Mr. ...

Do you know where my book is?



If you need help with your
homework,
How would you ask?



Using different ways when you speak to different people

If you need help with your homework,

Your parents	Mom, help me with my homework!
Your best friend	Lucy, I don't know how to solve this problem. Can you give me a hand?
A teacher	Miss Li, could you please help me with this problem?



Paragraph 3

5. Give an example to show what **a direct order** is.

Peter, lend me your pen.

6. What does a very direct order sound?

It sounds rude in English.

7. What should polite questions be?

Usually in English polite questions are longer and include extra language, using “could you please...?”

Sometimes we might need to spend some time leading in to a question or a request, saying “Excuse me...” or “I’m sorry to trouble you but...”

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Unit 11

How to ask politely?

<i>Not so polite</i>	<i>Polite</i>
Where are the restrooms?	<i>Could you tell me where the restrooms are, please?</i>
Is there any milk left?	<i>Is there any milk left, please?</i>
How does this work?	<i>Would you please show me how this works?</i>
Give me a bottle of that.	<i>Will you give me a bottle of that, please?</i> <i>Can/could I have a pound of that, please?</i>

Paragraph 4

In a way, speaking politely is more difficult than being direct.

8. What can we do **so that** we don't **offend** people?

Learn about language **etiquette**

9. Is language etiquette(礼节语言) as important as learning grammar or vocabulary? Why?

Yes. Because **doing this** will **not only** help you not to offend people, **but also** help you become better at English, or any other language you wish to speak.

doing this = learning about language etiquette

Unit 11

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After You Read

Section 1

Request

Suitable situation

More polite request

1. *“Where are the restrooms?”*

A team player asking another team player.

“Could you please tell me where the restroom are?”

2. *“I want to go to the library. Where is it?”*

suitable if someone who is in a hurry asks a friend.

Excuse me, do you know where the library is?

3. *“How much did you pay for that soccer ball?”*

suitable if a parent is asking a child.

Can you tell me how much you paid for that soccer ball?.

Section 2

Section 3

Section 4

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