

# BBC Learning English

## How to ...

### *Asking for permission*

#### *Reading activity*



---

For each question choose the one correct answer.

**1:** Can he \_\_\_\_\_ too?

- a:** comes
- b:** come
- c:** came

**2:** Could my brother \_\_\_\_\_ your car at the weekend?

- a:** borrowed
- b:** borrows
- c:** borrow

**3:** 'Can I use that for a minute?' means ...

- a:** I want to use it for about sixty seconds.
- b:** I want to use it for a long time.
- c:** I want to use it for a short length of time.

**4:** Which of these sentences has the word 'please' in a correct place?

- a:** Could please I use your phone?
- b:** Could I please use your phone?
- c:** Could I use please your phone?

**5:** What is most important in speech to indicate politeness?

- a:** Using the word please.
- b:** Smiling when you are speaking.
- c:** The tone of voice and pronunciation.

## ANSWERS

**1:** Can he \_\_\_\_\_ too?

**b:** come – **CORRECT**. After ‘can’ use the base infinitive.

**2:** Could my brother \_\_\_\_\_ your car at the weekend?

**c:** borrow - **CORRECT**. After ‘could’ use the base infinitive.

**3:** ‘Can I use that for a minute?’ means ...

**c:** I want to use it for a short length of time. **CORRECT**

**4:** Which of these sentences has the word ‘please’ in a correct place?

**b:** Could I please use your phone? **CORRECT**

**5:** What is most important in speech to indicate politeness?

**c:** The tone of voice and pronunciation. **CORRECT**