

Summary

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I- Course

1-1/ Expressing lack of understanding

1. Sorry, I don't understand.
2. Sorry, I didn't get / grasp your point.
3. Sorry, I didn't hear what you said.
4. I'm not sure I follow you.
5. I'm not sure I know what you mean.
6. I don't see what you're getting at.
7. I beg your pardon ?
8. Could you say that again ?
9. Can you repeat, please ?

1-2/ Asking for clarification

1. What do you mean by .... ?
2. Do you mean .... ?
3. What do you mean ?
4. Could you clarify that please ?
5. Could you explain more ?
6. Would you elaborate on that please ?
7. Could you be more explicit ?
8. Could you say that in a different way ?
9. Could you possibly give an example ?

1-3/ Expressing Request

making requests	accepting	declining
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can you</li> <li>- Will you</li> <li>- Would you</li> <li>- Could you please</li> <li>- Could you possibly</li> <li>- I wonder if you could</li> <li>- Would you mind</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes of course</li> <li>- certainly</li> <li>- Why not?</li> <li>- sure</li> <li>- With pleasure</li> <li>- The pleasure's mine</li> <li>- of course not.</li> <li>- Not at all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sorry, I can't</li> <li>- I'm afraid, I can't.</li> <li>- I'm afraid not.</li> <li>- I wish I could, but....</li> </ul>
<p>+ infinitive ... ?</p> <p>+ gerund ... ?</p>		

II- Practice 1

Express the same function in a different way :

- Teacher, sorry I didn't get your point.
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- Could you be more explicit please ?
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- What do you mean by "lack of understanding" ?
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- I'm not sure I follow you.
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- Could you explain more ?
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### III- Practice 2

Respond to the following situations :

- You didn't hear well your teacher's explanation. (Express lack of understanding)
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- Your teacher's question is not clear enough. (ask for clarification)
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- Your doctor is telling you what food to avoid eating. (ask for clarification)
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- Your friend is showing you how to download an application from the internet. (express lack of understanding)
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- You didn't grasp the word "witty" when the teacher explained it. (ask for clarification)
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### IV- Practice 3

Complete the following conversations :

1) A student wants the teacher to correct his paper.

- Student (express a request) :
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- Teacher (accept his request) :
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2) A tourist wants to go to the post office but he doesn't know the way.

- Tourist (express a request) :
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- You (decline his request) :
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3) You want your friend to lend you some money.

- You (express a request) :
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- Your friend (accept his request) :
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4) The homework is difficult for you.

- You (express a request) :
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- Your friend (decline his request) :
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