

Can, could, may – permission.

Can is used for permission, but it is less formal.

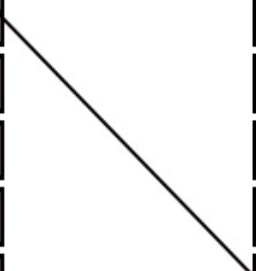
Could in a question to ask somebody to do something. The use of could in this way is fairly polite (formal):

May is used as formal permission.

Draw a line from the column on the left to the column on the right.

Write the sentences on as in the example on the bottom.

1. May I borrow a pen?	A. Yes, please. with two sugars.
2. Can I ask you a question?	B. Sure, what's your question?
3. Can I talk to you for a minute?	C. I'm really busy right now, can we talk later?
4. May I come in?	D. Of course you can. First dial 9 to get an outside line.
5. Could I use your phone?	E. There are some ballpoint pens in my desk.
6. Could you lend me your newspaper?	F. No, thank you. I'm just looking.
7. Can I get back to you on that?	G. Here you are, officer. Did I do something wrong?
8. Can I have some paper?	H. Sure, Just wait a minute I will be done reading it.
9. Can I help you?	I. I'm sorry I forgot my notebook also.
10. Can I get you a cup of coffee?	J. Sure, come on in and take a seat.
11. May I see your driving license please?	K. Yes I can wait, but I need that answer by the close of business.



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