

HOW TO MAKE REQUESTs PROPERLY

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SMALL TALK



Warm-up

Ann and Tina are classmates but not very close. Ann plans to go mountain-climbing tomorrow, and she needs to borrow a compass from Tina.

At the classroom

Ann: Hello! Tina, I am going to go mountain-climbing tomorrow with my boyfriend.

Tina: Wow. That sounds very interesting!

Ann: Yes, I think it will be. But, I am afraid that we will get lost in the mountains.

So, lend me your compass for mountain-climbing tomorrow, OK?

Tina: Sure, here you go.

Ann: Thanks a lot.

Warm-up

So, lend me your compass for mountain-climbing tomorrow, OK?

➤ Could you please lend me your compass
for mountain-climbing tomorrow?

Warm-up

You are taking a bus to school in early morning, You feel tired and gradually fall asleep when staying in your seat. At this time, a young man sitting next to you is talking loudly on the cellphone. His noise wakes you up, so you ask this guy to keep his voice down as soon as possible.

On the bus

You: (Feel annoyed) Excuse me, sir.

Young man: Yes?

You: We are on the bus, not your place. You need to keep your voice down.

Young man: Oh! I am sorry. I didn't realize I was speaking so loudly.

Warm-up

We are on the bus, not your place. You need to keep your voice down.

➤ Could you lower your volume a little bit?

Warm-up

Ruby wants to have a pet as her birthday present. She asks her father if he could buy her a cat. Ruby and her father are not always very close to each other.

In the living room

Ruby :[In a cold tone] Dad, my birthday is coming soon. You have to buy me a gift. I need a cat to accompany me.

Father: Um... Well, we may go to a pet store to see if there is a cat you like.

Ruby: [Not very excited] Thank you. I will choose one anyway.

Warm-up

You have to buy me a gift. I need a cat to accompany me.

➤ Would you buy me a cat as my birthday present?

Warm-up

Whether the request is proper or not depends on **directness**, **politeness**, and people's **closeness**.

Relationships

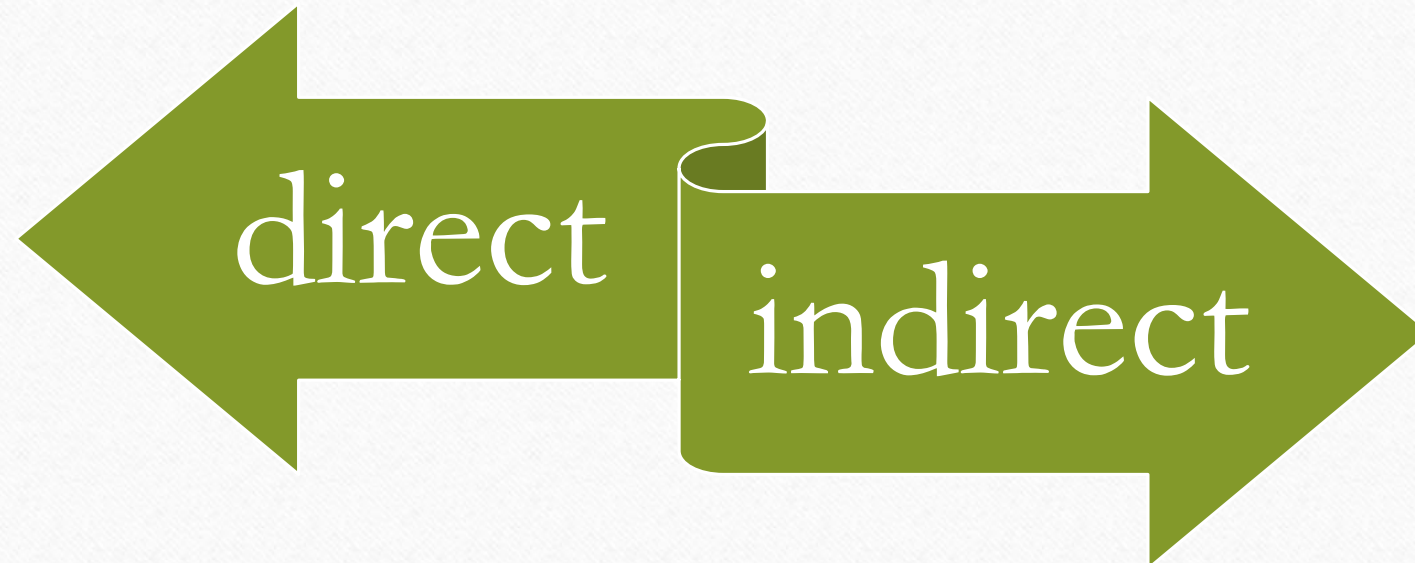
Peer to peer

Subordinate
to Superior

Superior to
Subordinate



Types of request



Direct Request Strategies

1. Give me the pen.
2. I am asking you to change your mind.
3. I must ask you to move to another table.

More direct



Less direct

Indirect Request Strategies

1. You will have to leave.

2. I would like to get a ride home with you.

3. How about helping your sister?

4. Could you lend me some money?

Less indirect



More indirect

Indirect Request Strategies

5. Hey son, your room is a bit messy.

➤ You should clean up your room!

6. Excuse me, Ms. Li. It is already 10 o'clock.

➤ You should dismiss the class!

Video

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Pop Quiz

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Simon says



Simon says: "Put your left arm up!"

See you next week!

