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When we make a request, we ask someone for something, or we ask someone to do something.

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If you know that someone has something you want, you can ask for it directly with a polite question.

Examples :

- Do you have a pen I could borrow?
- Is there any water?
- Did you buy any bread?

If you know or can see that someone has something you want, ask a polite question with 'could', or 'may'. It's also possible to use 'can' in more informal situations.

Examples :

- May I borrow a ..., please?
- Could you lend me a ..., please?
- Can I borrow a / some ..., please?

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