

SPEAKING: ADVICE / SUGGESTIONS / PERMISSION / REQUESTS

INTERRUPTING

- * Sorry to interrupt (you) but ...
- * May I interrupt (you) for a second?
- * I'd like to make a point ...
- * Hold on a moment!

ASKING FOR ADVICE

- * I've got a small problem ...
- * I'm not sure what to do ...
- * I don't know much about ...
- * You know a lot about ...
- * You know more than me about ...
- * You're the expert!
- * Could you give me some advice?
- * Can you offer me some advice?
- * I was wondering if you could advise me?
- * I'd like your advice, if you don't mind.
- * I'd welcome / appreciate some advice, please?
- * What would you do in my place / position?
- * What would you do if you were me?

GIVING ADVICE

- * Why don't you ...
- * You could ...
- * You (really) ought to / should ...
- * How about ... (+ing / noun)
- * What about ... (+ing / noun)
- * Have you thought of ... (+ing / noun)
- * If I were you, I'd ...
- * The best thing you could do is to ...
- * What you really need is ...

ACCEPTING ADVICE

- * Yes, what a good idea.
- * Yes, I think I'll take / follow your advice

REJECTING ADVICE

- * Thanks for the advice / recommendation. But I think I rather... better ... prefer to ...

MAKING SUGGESTIONS

- * Let's (+infinitive)
- * Shall we (+infinitive)?
- * Why don't we (+infinitive)?
- * I suggest that we (+infinitive).
- * We'd better (not) (+infinitive).
- * We could (+infinitive).
- * I think that we should (+infinitive)
- * I think it would be a good idea to (+infinitive)
- * How about / What about (+ing)

RESPONDING TO SUGGESTIONS

- * That's a (very) good idea.
- * What a good idea!

- * That sounds (like) a (very) good idea (to me).
- * I think that's a very good suggestion (myself).
- * I don't think that's a good idea (myself).
- * That doesn't sound (like) a very good idea (to me).

ASKING FOR AND GIVING PERMISSION

- * Can / Could / May I (possibly) come in?
- * Is it alright if I come in?
- * Would it be possible for me to come in?
- * Do / Would you mind if I come / came in?
- * Yes, (of course) you can / may come in.
- * Yes, of course.
- * No, I'm afraid you can't.
- * No, not at all.
- * No, not in the least.
- * Yes, (I'm afraid) I do / I would.

MAKING A REQUEST

- * Please shut the door.
- * Could / Would you open the window please?
- * Would you mind opening the window (please)?
- * I wonder if / Do you think you could open the window?
- * I wonder if you'd mind opening the window?

EXPRESSING NEED AND USE

- * I'll need a car because / to ...
- * I'll need to have / take a camera with me because / to...
- * I can't do without my mobile ...
- * I couldn't manage without my mobile because ...
- * A mobile phone is absolutely essential / useful / handy for...