

Asking for Favors



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Reading

It is quite usual for people to ask others for favors. They often begin by doing something nice for you before asking the magic question: Could you do something for me? People usually respond to simple favors with generosity and even offer extra help. However, there are some favors people dislike being asked. Some of these are requests for loans of money, personal hygiene items, vehicles, even pets. These could also be inconvenient requests like asking someone to drive you to the airport when he already is late for work, or asking someone to take care of your pet when he has so much to do. When these things happen, relationships often go sour.

There are people who usually cannot detect if they are asking for an inconvenient favor. The best way to deal with these people is to explain your situation and tell them directly that you cannot grant them the favor they are asking. This way, they will stop asking you without feeling bad.

Comprehension Check

1. Have you ever borrowed money from someone?
2. Have you ever borrowed someone's mobile phone?
3. Have you ever borrowed someone's car or bike?
4. Has anybody asked you for an inconvenient favor? How did you refuse?
5. What requests do you dislike being asked?

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