## **Confusing Words: Lend and Borrow**

The very common verbs lend and borrow are confusing for many learners of English. One reason this happens is because lend and borrow have the same basic meaning, but are used for different "directions" in English.

If B needs \_\_\_ and A gives it to B for a limited time (expecting that B will return it), A lends \_\_\_ to B (or A lends B \_\_\_ ) and B borrows \_\_\_ from A.

## Examples:

Anne **lent** \$150 to Bill. Anne lent Bill \$150. Bill **borrowed** \$150 from Anne.

Aaron often **lends** his car to Brenda. Aaron often **lends** Brenda his car. Brenda often **borrows** Aaron's car.

B: May I **borrow** your typewriter?
A: Of course. I'll be happy to **lend** it to you. /
(Of course. I'll be happy to **lend** you my typewriter.)

## Remember:

**Lend** shows that something is (temporarily) given to another person. **Borrow** shows that something is (temporarily) taken from another person.

lend ----> someone someone ----> borrow

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