

REQUESTS AND PERMISSION

- a **2.16** Cover the dialogue and listen. Answer the questions.
- 1 What does Jacques ask Mark to do?
 - 2 What does Mark ask Ben to do?
 - 3 What does Nicole ask Allie?
- b Read the dialogue. In pairs, what do you think the missing words are? Don't write them in yet.
- c Listen again and complete the dialogue.

Jacques Mark? Would you mind _____ me those concert dates?

Mark Of _____ not. Ben, are you busy?

Ben Me? Never.

Mark _____ you help me? I can't open this document.

Ben _____.

Mark Thanks.

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Allie Hi, Nicole.

Nicole Could you sign these, please?

Allie Sure.

Nicole Is it _____ if I take tomorrow afternoon off?

Allie I'm _____, but tomorrow's really difficult.

Nicole What about Friday afternoon?

Allie Friday? That's fine. Do you _____ you could _____ me the request by email?

Nicole Er, yes, of _____.

Allie Hello? Hi, Mark. Could you hold a moment, Mark? Thank you, Nicole. _____ you come and see me when you have a moment?

- d **2.17** Listen and repeat the highlighted phrases. Copy the rhythm.
- e Look at the highlighted phrases in the dialogue. Complete the chart.

Request	Response
<i>Would you mind...?</i>	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Permission	_____
_____	_____

- f **Communication Requests p.119.**



SOCIAL ENGLISH Office gossip

- a **2.18** Listen. Who do Mark and Nicole talk about?
- b Listen again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).
- 1 Mark hasn't found a flat yet.
 - 2 Mark likes Ben and Jacques.
 - 3 Jacques's wife is a lawyer.
 - 4 Nicole likes the way Allie dresses.
 - 5 She thinks Allie is friendly.
 - 6 Allie orders a soft drink.
- c **2.19** Complete the USEFUL PHRASES. Listen and check.
- d Listen again and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?



USEFUL PHRASES

Have you started l _____ for an apartment?
 I haven't had time y _____.
 J _____ a minute.
 H _____ do you like (the office)?

Have you h _____ of (Isabelle)?
 L _____ me get you (a drink).
 Thanks. I'll h _____ a (Diet Coke).

Nightmare journeys

We asked you to tell us about your nightmare journeys. Jutta from Germany wrote to us about hers...

A nightmare journey I remember was three years ago ¹ ____ I was going to the airport with my friend. We were going to Mallorca on holiday and we had to be at Dresden airport two hours before the flight.

We leaved home with plenty of time, ² ____ when we got to the motorway there was a huge traffic jam! The traffic wasn't moving at all. We didn't knew what to do. It was too late to go another way, ³ ____ we just sat in the car getting more and more stressed. ⁴ ____ ten minutes the traffic started moving slowly. We decided to leave the motorway and try to found another way to the airport, ⁵ ____ I wasn't sure of the way and we got completely lost. We was sure we were going to miss the flight. We finally arrived at the airport just thirty minutes before the plane was going to leave. The woman at the check-in desk said we couldn't to check in our luggage ⁶ ____ it was too late ⁷ ____ we had to run with all our cases to the departure gate.

⁸ ____ my friend felt over and hurt her leg, we managed to get to the gate in time and ⁹ ____ we caught our flight.



a Read the story once. What happened in the end? Then correct the six grammar mistakes with the verbs (wrong tense or wrong form).

b Read the story again and complete with a connecting word or phrase.

after although because but (x2) in the end so (x2) when

c Look at the list of possible travel problems in the **Useful language** box below. Mark them C if they refer to a car journey and P if they refer to a plane journey.

Useful language: travel problems

the flight was delayed	there was a traffic jam
you broke down	you got a puncture
you got lost	you forgot your passport
you missed your flight	your flight was overbooked

WRITE about a nightmare journey you've had (or invent one).

PLAN what you're going to write using the paragraph summaries below: Use the **Useful language** box and **Vocabulary Bank Transport and travel p.148** to help you.

Paragraph 1 When was the journey?
Where were you going? Who with? Why?

Paragraph 2 What went wrong? What happened?

Paragraph 3 What happened in the end?

CHECK the story for mistakes (**grammar** , **punctuation** , and **spelling**).