

Comment demander en anglais



1. Demander un renseignement (*asking for information*)

Standard	Formal
<p>Can / could you tell me...? I'd like to know her name. Have you got any idea where X is? I'd like some information about the film, please. Do you happen to know where X is? Do you have information about the X ?</p>	<p>Would you, by any chance, know where X is ?</p>

2. Demander un service (*favour*)

		Cool	Standard	Formal
1	Requests	Give me a hand, will you?	<p>Please would / could you help me? Can / could you do me a favour? Can / could you help me? I wondered / was wondering if you could help me. I must ask you to... We are counting on you to...</p>	<p>Could you tell me what this says, if it's not too much trouble? I wonder if you'd mind doing me a favour? Would you mind terribly helping me? Do / would you mind if I borrowed your car? Would you be so kind as to tell me where the manager is? We request that you... You are requested to...</p>
2	Agreeing to do a favour	No problem! OK! Sure!	Yes, of course! Of course I don't mind! Certainly!	With pleasure! It's no trouble at all!
3	Refusing to do a favour	No way! Who do you think I am? What do you take me for?	Sorry, I can't. It's out of the question. I refuse to help him. What next? Certainly not! I'm not going to help. I won't do it.	I would have liked to help, but I'm afraid I can't.

3. Exprimer un souhait, un désir, une intention, une volonté (*wishes, desires, intentions, determination*)

On peut exprimer les notions d'intention, de volonté et de refus:

- à l'aide de verbes ordinaires comme « intend » (avoir l'intention), « want » (vouloir), « mean » (avoir l'intention), « refuse » (refuser)...

- ou bien à l'aide d'auxiliaires de modalité (« will, shall », c'est-à-dire les auxiliaires modaux exprimant le futur) ou de périphrases construites avec « be » (« I am going to, I am to »).

		Colloquial	Standard	Formal
1	Souhait	I would (really) like you to call Jessica.	<p>I want to travel round the world.</p> <p>I would like to travel round the world.</p> <p>I want you to leave now.</p> <p>If only you had a car.</p> <p>If only I had called him before.</p> <p>I wish you were nicer.</p> <p>I wish I was / were a pop star.</p> <p>I (really) hope to see her again.</p> <p>I hope he comes.</p> <p>I'd (really) like him to have fun.</p> <p>I could really do with a holiday.</p> <p>It would be so nice if he phoned.</p>	I wish you all the best for a quick recovery.
2	Désir	I really wanna (= want to) go to the cinema tonight.	<p>I'd love to go to her exhibition.</p> <p>I feel like going to the restaurant.</p> <p>I am dying to get the results.</p> <p>I'm dying of being with you.</p> <p>I'm dying for a cup of tea.</p>	<p>I have a craving for caviar.</p> <p>I am craving for lobster.</p>
3	Intention	<p>I'm gonna (= going to) look around.</p> <p>I'm (definitely) spending my holidays in Jamaica.</p>	<p>I want to be very successful.</p> <p>I'm going to see John.</p> <p>I'm not going to help you.</p> <p>I'm not answering any questions!</p> <p>I'm thinking of training to be a vet.</p> <p>I'm planning to come by bus.</p> <p>We shall resist.</p> <p>I will do well.</p> <p>I won't give up.</p> <p>I'll keep on trying.</p> <p>I'm determined to get there first.</p> <p>He's determined not to cry.</p> <p>I've made up my mind to succeed.</p>	<p>I intend to...</p> <p>I have no intention of wasting my time.</p> <p>I have every intention of passing my exam.</p>