

# Social English

## • Embedded Questions

What's your name? ← QUESTION → Can you tell me what your name is?  
**NOT A QUESTION!**

Where do you study?

I'd like to know where you study.

1. How long does the journey take?
2. Where can we buy the tickets?
3. Is there a buffet car on the train?

Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_?

Can I ask you \_\_\_\_\_?

I'd like to know \_\_\_\_\_

## • Polite Expressions

How do we use the following expressions?

(1) TO OFFER, (2) TO SUGGEST, (3) TO REQUEST, (4) ANSWER AN OFFER,  
(5) ANSWER A SUGGESTION, (6) ANSWER A REQUEST, or (7) TO GIVE AN OPINION?

Would you like me to \_\_\_\_\_?

(wh-) Shall I \_\_\_\_\_? / Shall we \_\_\_\_\_?

Do you mind if I \_\_\_\_\_?

Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ing?

That's a pity

I don't mind

I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ / I'd rather not.

It doesn't matter / Never mind

What about \_\_\_\_\_ing?

I was wondering if \_\_\_\_\_

I'm afraid (that \_\_\_\_\_) / I'm afraid not

Of course / Of course not

Not at all

It's up to you

Don't bother

That sounds great

## Choose the most suitable expression

- (1) "Would you like me to / I was wondering if we could.... make you a coffee?"  
(2) "I don't care / Don't bother!"
- (3) "Shall we / Do you mind if we ..... go to the cinema tonight?"  
(4) "I don't mind / Never mind..... I haven't gone for a long time!"  
"We could see that new Brad Steidel film!"  
(5) "It doesn't matter / I'd rather not. I prefer romantic comedies. Let's watch *Ted & Sue*."  
(6) "Not at all / It's up to you!"
- "My car's broken down! (7) Would you mind if I help / Would you mind helping ..... me?"  
(8) "Of course / Of course not!"
- "I was wondering if you could help me study for my exams. Are you free?"  
(9) "I'm afraid not / Of course not. We're going to Wales for the weekend."  
"Oh, that's a pity. (10) .... I don't care / It doesn't matter..... I'll ask Sam."
- (11) "Shall I / Do you mind if I ..... use your toilet. It's an emergency!"  
(12) "Not at all / Don't bother ..... Of course you can!"
- (13) "What about / Would you mind ..... going to the beach this weekend?"  
(14) "I'm afraid / I'd rather ..... it's going to rain!"

# Mrs. Wisely's Trip

Read the text and complete the sentences. You can use the expressions and structures from the 'Social English' page. Use as many options as you know.



Mrs. Wisely was 67 years old. One day she decided to visit her granddaughter, so she packed her suitcase and went to the station. She didn't know WHAT PLATFORM...



The guard saw that Mrs. Wisely was carrying a big suitcase, so he asked her if ..... It was quite heavy, so Mrs. Wisely thanked him and he took the suitcase.



The train was very crowded, and it took Mrs. Wisely a few minutes to see an empty seat. She wasn't sure if it was free, so she asked .....



It was very warm on the train. After a few minutes, Mrs. Wisely felt uncomfortable, so she asked \_\_\_\_\_ open the window. He replied that it wasn't a problem for him.



Half an hour later the passenger stood up and told Mrs. Wisely that he was going to the buffet car. He asked Mrs. Wisely if she could \_\_\_\_\_ and if she wanted \_\_\_\_\_.



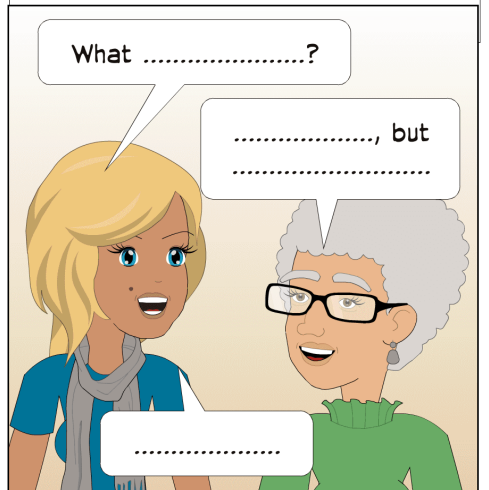
At last! Mrs. Wisely arrived at Canterbury station and her granddaughter was waiting for her. '..... a bus?', but Mrs. Wisely wanted to take a taxi.



Samantha offered to make her grandmother a coffee, but Mrs. Wisely was tired and preferred to lie down. Samantha asked her when she should wake her up.



Later Samantha told her gran about her studies. Mrs. Wisely told her not to worry. Then the girl asked her if she wanted to eat fish and chips. Mrs Wisely liked the idea.



The next day was Saturday and Samantha wanted to show her Gran around Canterbury. She suggested the cathedral, but Mrs. Wisely wanted to go along the High Street first. That was OK by Samantha.