

Situational English: Polite Requests & Asking for Help



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Select the most polite and natural English expression for each scenario.

1. You cannot reach a book on the top library shelf. What is the best way to ask the librarian for assistance?

Answer: B. Excuse me, could you please help me reach that book?

'Excuse me, could you please help me...' uses polite greetings and courteous modal verbs, making it the most respectful request.

2. Your pencil broke during a math assignment. How should you ask your classmate to borrow a spare pencil?

Answer: B. May I please borrow an extra pencil? Mine just broke.

'May I please borrow...' is polite and provides clear context without demanding.