



Listening: Offering things

C Are these chocolate biscuits?

1 Who is the most generous and helpful person you know. Why? In what ways have they helped you and other people?


2  1.21 Listen to a conversation and match it to the correct photo. Does the woman sound helpful and generous? Why?/Why not?




3  Listen again and answer these questions.

- 1 What was the first question the man asked?
- 2 What was his second question? What was his third?
- 3 Why did the woman misunderstand him at first?

4 People often make requests in an indirect way. They say things like 'Do you have any chocolate?' instead of 'Can you give me some chocolate?' Why do you think that is?

5  1.22 Listen to four more conversations where people offer things. Match each conversation to the correct photo in exercise 2.

6  Listen again and complete these offers. Then decide which ones are offering things and which are offering to do things.

- 1 Do _____ make some for you, too?
- 2 Would _____? Please help yourself.
- 3 Yes, _____ a copy?
- 4 _____ you like me to _____?



Indirect requests

7 Which group (A or B) are direct and which are indirect? Complete the table. Then match the requests in A to similar requests in B.

Requests	
A _____	B _____
1 Are you going to pass a postbox on your way home?	a Would you make me a sandwich?
2 It's cold in here. Is that door shut?	b Can you post a letter for me?
3 What time are you leaving?	c Could you shut the door?
4 I'm hungry.	d Do you mind if I borrow them?
5 I have a headache.	e May I borrow your mobile?
6 Is anyone using these scissors?	f Could you give me a lift?
7 My battery's run out.	g Can you get me an aspirin?

8 Reply to the indirect requests in exercise 7.

Make offers beginning with:

Do you want me to ...?

Would you like me to ...?

9 Do people make indirect requests in your language? Think of some examples.