

6 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

1) We packed our bags and set ... for the coast. 2) She carefully set all the events ... in her diary. 3) We set ... the problem at once and solved it in no time. 4) While travelling I usually set my impressions ... 5) It was too late to set ... and we had to stay in the hotel for another night. 6) Don't forget to set ... some fruit to decorate the cake when it is ready. 7) The house had to be cleaned and we set ... the task with a lot of energy. 8) A lot of parents set ... money for their children's education. 9) We were just setting ... on our holiday when we realized we'd forgotten about the tent. 10) I have set ... everything that happened, as I remembered it.

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Grammar

Modal Verbs *Can* and *May* to Express Offer and Request

Английские модальные глаголы *can (could)* и *may (might)* часто используются для выражения просьбы или предложения.

Просьба:

Can you help me, please?

May I use your phone?

Could I borrow your dictionary?

Might I stay here a little longer?

Предложение:

Can I carry your bag for you?

May I offer you a glass of water?

Could I offer a different plan?

We might have a walk around the town.

Полезно запомнить, что при выражении просьбы по степени формальности и вежливости на первом месте стоит глагол *may*, за ним следуют глаголы *might, could, can* в данном порядке.

Таким образом, фраза *May I have a word with you?* звучит гораздо более вежливо и формально, чем фраза *Can I have a word with you?*

7 **Work in pairs.** Read the replies to offers and requests. Decide what the offers and requests may be. Each of them should have a modal verb.

- 1) May I take a quick shower? — Of course you may. The bathroom is all yours.
- 2) ??? — Here you are. I've got two more pens of the same kind.
- 3) ??? — Thank you very much. I really appreciate your help.
- 4) ??? — I'd love to. I have always wanted to watch this film.
- 5) ??? — Yes, you can. Choose any flowers you want. Lilies are at their best now.
- 6) ??? — Do, please. It will be very helpful if you book a room in the Ritz for me.
- 7) ??? — What a wonderful idea! Let's go there at the weekend.
- 8) ??? — Yes, you may. The telephone is on the desk near the window.
- 9) ??? — You certainly can. Take a walk but remember that dinner will be served at six.
- 10) ??? — Thanks. It's very kind of you. The suitcase is too heavy for me to carry upstairs.

DO IT ON YOUR OWN

8 Match the new words with their definitions and write eight sentences of your own with them.

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| 1) to settle (down) | a) to ask for something in a polite or formal way |
| 2) skilled | b) good-looking, having a very attractive face |
| 3) to recall | c) to come together to some place |
| 4) to fear | d) having the ability and experience to do something well |
| 5) to gather | e) to win against someone in a game |
| 6) handsome | f) to be afraid of somebody or something |
| 7) to request | g) to go and live permanently in some place |
| 8) to defeat | h) to remember something |