

Could you do me a favour? & Making Excuses

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favour = British English

favor = American English

A: I have a favour to ask you.
B: Yes, what is it?
A: I { 1 } to { 2 } { 3 }. Do you think you can { 4 } me?
B: Yes, sure. It's no { 5 } at all.

OR...

B: I'm { 6 } I can't. I have to { 7 }.

Options:

1. have/want/need
2. go shopping/learn the guitar/study for a test/...
3. today/tomorrow/this afternoon/next weekend...
4. take/help/teach/lend... (your car)
5. problem/trouble
6. afraid/sorry
7. go to the hospital/stay home and study/help my mother.

Make up a request using each verb. Use *want to*, *have to*, or *need to*.

I ____ to ____ Do you think you can take me?

I ____ to ____ Do you think you can help me?

I ____ to ____ Do you think you can teach me?

I ____ to ____ Do you think you can lend me your ____ ?

Make up excuses (ways to say 'no') if you don't want to help someone:

I'm sorry, I can't. I have to...

OR you can say: Yes, sure. No problem. / Sure. It's no trouble at all. / O.K.