

LECTURE 26

Unit 8

Things at home

Bedroom

☐ clock



☐ curtains



☐ dresser



☐ nightstand



☐ carpet



Things at home

Bathroom

☐ mirror

☐ shower

☐ toilet

☐ sink

☐ bathtub



Things at home

Living room



Things at home

Kitchen



BUILDING LANGUAGE



Meg Hmm. The rug in the middle is nice, and I like that red one, too. Which one do you like?

Lia I like all of them. They're all nice.



Jon Those small round speakers are cool.
Andy Which ones? The little silver ones?
Jon Yeah. The ones on the right.

① A Which rug do you like? Do you like the blue one ?

B Not really. I like the red one on the left .

② A Which speakers do you like? The silver ones ?

B Um, no, I like the black ones.



Order of Adjectives:

Before a noun, the usual order of types of adjectives is:

| Opinion | Size | Color | Shape | Nationality | Material | Noun |
|------------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Beautiful | big | blue | square | Thai | wool | Carpet |
| Awesome | little | red | rectangular | Iraqi | metal | |
| Pretty | small | black | round | English | plastic | |
| Ugly | tiny | | | American | cotton | |
| Disgusting | | | | | | |

Usual adjective order:

opinion, size, color, shape, nationality, material

They have **beautiful Turkish** rugs.

I like the **big red** rug.

I want those **cute little round** speakers.

I like the green rug. Which **one** do you like?

I like the blue **one** in the middle.

Those speakers are cool. Which **ones** do you like?

I like the silver **ones** on the right.



I like the square wooden clock
Which one do you like?



I don't like the orange curtains
Which ones do you like?



I'd like to buy the small silver TV in the middle
Which one would you like?



Lesson C *Do you mind . . . ?*

1 *Conversation strategy* Asking politely

A In which request is someone (a) asking you to do something? (b) asking permission to do something?

Would you mind opening the window? _____

Do you mind if I open the window? _____



Now listen. What does Claudia ask Mei?

Claudia *Hello! Come on in.*

Mei *These are for you, Claudia. Are the others here yet?*

Claudia *Oh, thank you. No, not yet. So just make yourself at home. Can I get you some tea?*

Mei *No, thank you. I'm fine. Do you mind if I call my husband?*

Claudia *No, go ahead. After your phone call, would you mind helping me in the kitchen? I hate to ask you, but I'm running a bit late.*

Mei *No, not at all. What can I do?*

Claudia *Well, . . . could you chop the onions?*

Mei *No problem. I'm happy to help.*

Notice how Mei uses *Do you mind . . . ?* to ask for permission, and Claudia uses *Would you mind . . . ?* to ask Mei to do something. Also notice that they answer no to show they agree. Find the examples in the conversation.

"Do you mind . . . ?"

"No, go ahead."

"Would you mind . . . ?"

"No, not at all."

Complete the questions with *Would you mind* or *Do you mind if*.

1. A Do you mind if I borrow your dictionary?

B No, not at all. Go ahead.

2. A Would you mind answering the phone for me?

B Oh, no. No problem.

3. A Would you mind closing that door?

B No, not at all.

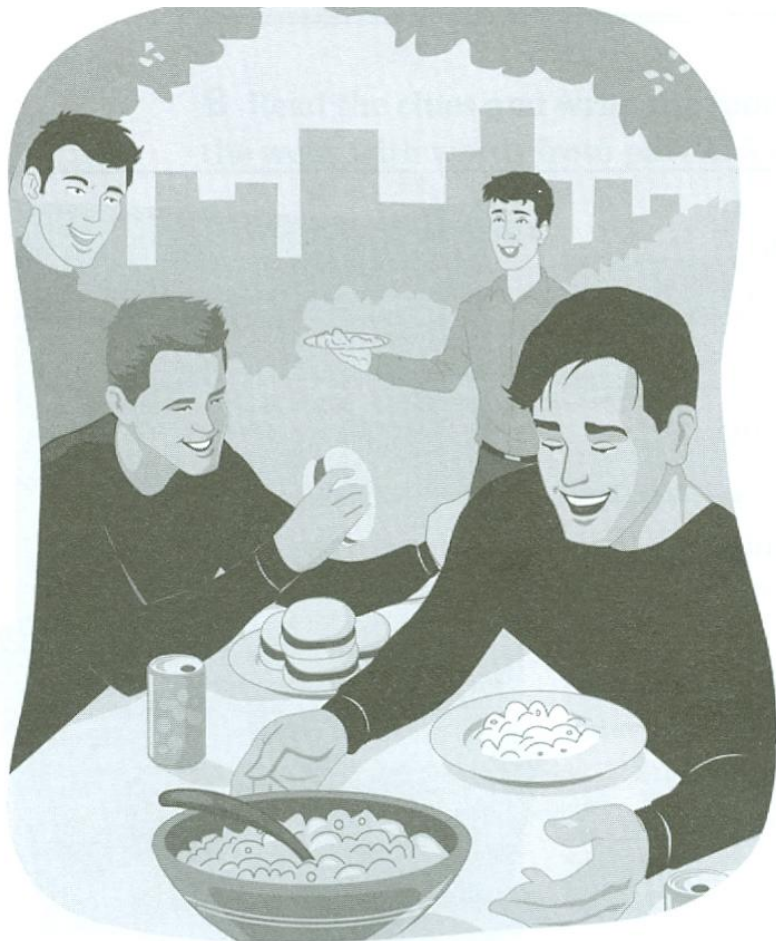
4. A Do you mind if I take off my shoes?

B No. Go right ahead.

5. A Do you mind if I use your computer for a minute?

B No problem.





6. A Would you mind handing me the potato salad?
B Of course not. Here you are.
7. A Would you mind opening the window?
B I'd be happy to.
8. A Do you mind if I eat the last piece of apple pie?
B Not at all. Go ahead.
9. A Do you mind if I turn on the news for a minute?
B No, not at all.
10. A Would you mind turning down the radio a little?
B No problem. Is this OK now?

AGREEING TO REQUESTS

Answer **Yes** to agree to requests
with **Can** and **Could**:

Can I use your phone?

Yes. / Sure. / Go (right) ahead.

Could you chop the onions?

Yes. / Sure. / OK. / No problem.

Answer **No** to agree to requests
with **mind**:

Do you mind if I use your phone?

No, go (right) ahead. / No, not at all.

Would you mind helping me in the kitchen?

No, not at all. / Oh, no. No problem.



Complete the answers. Then practice with a partner.

1. A I hate to ask this, but would you mind turning off your cell phone during dinner?

B No, no problem. But do you mind if I make just one quick call?

2. A Do you mind if I use your computer to check my e-mail?

B No, not at all. Go right ahead.

3. A Can I borrow your cell phone for a few minutes?

B Well, I'm expecting a call, but go ahead.

4. A Would you mind helping me with dinner tonight?

B No, not at all. What are you making?

5. A Could you get some milk when you go to the supermarket?

B Sure. What kind do you want?



AT HOME – How **typical** are you?

Do you make your bed every day? Do you try to save electricity at home? Are you a pack rat? Read about the home habits of Americans – are they the same as yours?

Making beds and doing dishes

74% of people make their beds every morning. 5% *never* do. And 3% actually change their sheets every day.

Do you wash the dishes right after eating? 58% of Americans do, but 5% let theirs sit for two or more days!



Neat and tidy

Are you an organized person? 13% of people alphabetize their books and CDs, or organize them in some way!

The average home has 13 cleaning products around the house.

Pack rats

How long do you save magazines? About half the population throws away old ones after six months. But 20% keep them for years and years.



Lights out

Are you careful about saving electricity? 25% of people turn off the light when they leave a room. 8% never do. Four out of five leave the lights on when they go out at night.



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1. _____ people never do their beds.
 - a. All
 - b. Most
 - c. A few
 - d. Some
2. _____ of Americans don't do the dishes after eating.
 - a. 5%
 - b. 3%
 - c. 74%
 - d. 58%
3. _____ of American people throw away old magazines.
 - a. about 20%
 - b. about 25%
 - c. about 74%
 - d. about 50%



1. _____ people leave the lights on when they go out at night.
 - a. All
 - b. Most
 - c. A few
 - d. Some

2. Almost all unmarried men do _____ of laundry a week
 - a. only one load
 - b. three loads
 - c. one load or more
 - d. no load

3. _____ of people don't organize their books in a specific way
 - a. 87%
 - b. 29%
 - c. 13%
 - d. 25%

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Ordering events

- To show a sequence:
first, next, (and) then
- Before a noun:
before / after
during = "at the same time as"

- To link actions:

when

as soon as = "immediately after,"
"right after"

while = "at the same time as"

before / after

Evening Routines

First things first

Most of the people in our group change their clothes **as soon as** they get home. One person has some juice or soda **first and then** changes. We all do different things **next**. Most of us eat a snack, but one person never eats **before** dinner.

Dinnertime

Everyone eats dinner at home. Half of us watch TV **while** we are eating. Half of us talk to our family **during** dinner. No one does the dishes right **after** dinner.

Time for bed

All of us watch TV **before** we go to bed. Some of us go to bed early, and some of us go to bed late, **after** we watch the news. We all read for about half an hour **when** we go to bed. |

Label the pictures. The first letter of each word is given for you.



armchair



bed



coffee table



desk



Learning tip Alphabet game

Make learning new words into a game! Choose a topic and try to think of a word for each letter of the alphabet.

a | armchair

j |

s |

b |

k |

t |

c |

l |

u |

d |

m |

v |

e |

n |

w |

f |

o |

x |

g |

p |

y |

h |

q |

z |

i |

r |

Look at the pictures. Complete the questions with *one* or *ones*.
Then write answers using at least two adjectives.



1. A I like the Thai sofa. Which one do you like?

B Oh, I like the big Italian one.



2. A I like the white dresser. Which one do you like?

B I like the tall black one



3. A I like the square mirrors. Which ones do you like?

B I like the small round ones



4. A I love the big clock. Which one do you like?

B I like the small round one

Unscramble the sentences about Sam's living room.

1. small / living room / There's / a / sofa / in / his

There's a small sofa in his living room.

2. has / square / some / cool / cushions / He / on the sofa

He has some cool square cushions on the sofa.

3. end table / a / There's / beautiful / on the left / Japanese

There's a beautiful Japanese end table on the left.

4. a / TV / He / big / on the wall / has / black

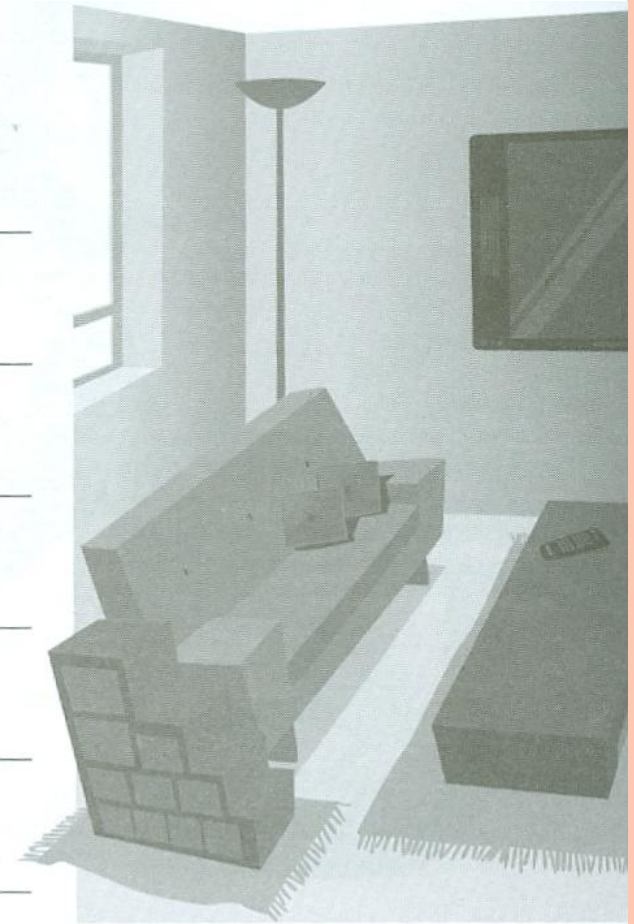
He has a big black TV on the wall.

5. in front of / There's / a / the / coffee table / sofa / long / dark

There's a long dark coffee table in front of the sofa

6. are / on the floor / some / cotton / nice / rugs / There

There are some nice cotton rugs on the floor.



Circle the correct responses to complete the conversation.

Mother Rudy, can I talk to you?

Rudy Sure / No, not at all. You don't sound too happy, Mom. What's the matter?

Mother It's your room. It's a mess. Could you please clean it before your grandparents get here?

Rudy Oh, no. / OK. I can do it now.

Mother Oh, and would you mind taking your weight-training things out of the living room?

Rudy No, go right ahead. / No, not at all. But do you mind if I do it after I clean my room?

Mother No, of course not. / Sure, I'd be happy to. Actually, I should probably call your grandparents to make sure they're not lost. Do you know their cell-phone number?

Rudy Yeah, I've got it on my phone.

Mother Oh, in that case, can I borrow your phone?

Rudy Oh, no. No problem. / Sure, go ahead.

Mother Where is it?

Rudy Uh . . . I don't know. I think it's here somewhere. . . .



POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

- We use possessive adjectives to show who owns or "possesses" something. The possessive adjectives are:

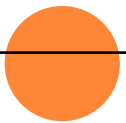
| number | person | gender | possessive adjective | example sentence |
|----------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| singular | 1st | male/female | my | This is my book. |
| | 2nd | male/female | your | I like your car. |
| | 3rd | male | his | His name is "John". |
| | | female | her | Her name is "Mary". |
| | | neuter | its | The dog is eating its food. |
| plural | 1st | male/female | our | We like our house. |
| | 2nd | male/female | your | Your children are nice. |
| | 3rd | male/female/neuter | their | The students thanked their teacher |

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

We use possessive pronouns depending on:

- number: singular (e.g.: **mine**) or plural (e.g.: **ours**)
- person: 1st person (e.g.: **mine**), 2nd person (e.g.: **yours**) or 3rd person (e.g.: **his**)
- gender: male (**his**), female (**hers**)

| number | person | Gender (of "owner") | possessive pronouns |
|----------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| singular | 1st | male/female | mine |
| | 2nd | male/female | yours |
| | 3rd | male | his |
| | | female | hers |
| plural | 1st | male/female | ours |
| | 2nd | male/female | yours |
| | 3rd | male/female/neuter | theirs |







POSSESSIVE 'S

- When we want to show that something belongs to somebody or something, we usually add 's to a singular noun and an apostrophe ' to a plural noun, for example:

Ahmad's car - Sami's pen - Mary's house - the boy's ball

- The friend of my father
- My father's friend

| | one ball | more than one ball |
|-------------------|---|---|
| one boy | the boy's ball  | the boy's balls  |
| more than one boy | the boys' ball  | the boys' balls  |

Irregular Plurals

| singular noun | plural noun |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| my child's dog | my children's dog |
| the man's work | the men's work |
| the mouse's cage | the mice's cage |
| a person's clothes | people's clothes |

