

VOCABULARY

NOUNS

TISSUE (HANDKERCHIEF) FAZZOLETTINO

PHONE CALL TELEFONATA

NOISE RUMORE

SHOCK AND DISBELIEF DRAMMATICA SORPRESA E INCREDULITA'

HOUSEWORK LAVORI DOMESTICI

VERBS

REACH OVER STENDERE IL BRACCIO PER RAGGIUNGERE

REACH FOR STENDERE IL BRACCIO PER PRENDERE

SNEEZE STARNUTIRE

APOLOGISE CHIEDERE SCUSA

ADJECTIVES

HARD (LAVORARE) SODO / FATICOSAMENTE

RUDE SCORTESE / MALEDUCATO / SGARBATO

POLITE EDUCATO / GARBATO

PHRASE

AS USUAL COME AL SOLITO

THAT'S NOT FAIR! NON E' GIUSTO!

Listen and fill in the gaps

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak with me, Feifei...

Rob

...and me, Rob. Now excuse me Feifei, I just _____ to reach over and get a tissue before I.... SNEEZE! Oh excuse me!

Feifei

Are you getting a _____?

Rob

Oh excuse me, I've just got to get this. Hi mum, I've told you not to call me at work. I'll _____ you tonight. OK? Bye. Sorry about that.

Feifei

...Rob, are you going to do any work?

Rob

Excuse me! I am working very _____ to explain today's piece of authentic English.

Feifei

Excuse me? Say that again.

Rob

Yes – that's it – our phrase today is two _____ with many different meanings – 'excuse me'.

Feifei

I see – so when you _____ or make a rude noise you can apologise by saying 'excuse me!'

Rob

Exactly. And when I wanted you to move so that I could reach for the _____, I said 'excuse me' to politely ask you to move so that I could reach them. A bit like this...

Example

Excuse me, could you move down the bus please so that I can get on. Thanks!

Feifei

And what about that _____ call?

Rob

Ah yes, I said 'excuse me' as a _____ way of apologising for the interruption.

Feifei

So you were being polite and then you were being _____ when you said 'excuse me!'

Rob

I was expressing shock and disbelief that you thought I wasn't working. A bit like this...

Example

Excuse me! How can you say I don't do any _____ – I cleaned the bathroom yesterday.

Rob

And then you said 'excuse me?' because you didn't understand what I said earlier – as _____ – and you wanted me to repeat it.

Feifei

Excuse me! That's not _____. Any other uses?

Rob

Yes. Here's another one...

Example

Excuse me, do you know the way to the railway _____?

Feifei

OK, that's 'excuse me' to get someone's attention. Well Rob, now I've got *your* _____, you'll have to 'excuse me' because I've got to go.

Rob

A very good use of '_____ 'Feifei – politely saying you have to go. So, can you think of any more...? Feifei? Feifei? Oh she really has gone.

Rob

Bye.

LISTEN AND REPEAT

Excuse me, I just need to reach over and get a *tissue* before
I ... *SNEEZE!*

Are you getting a cold?

Oh **excuse me**, I've just got to get *this*. (A call from mum)
Hi mum, I've told you not to call me at work. I'll call you tonight.
Sorry about that!

Are you going to *do any work?*

Excuse me? Say that again.

I see ...

When you sneeze or make a *rude noise* you can *apologise** by
saying 'excuse me!'

That's not fair!

You'll have to **'excuse me'** because *I've got to go*.

Excuse me, could you move down the bus please **so that*** I can get on.
Thanks! (*polite request*)

Excuse me, do you know the way to the railway station?
(*to politely get someone's attention*)

Excuse me! How can you say I don't do any *housework* – I cleaned the
bathroom yesterday.
(*to express shock and disbelief*)

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Ask suitable questions

1. His mother does.
2. Rob has.
3. He needs a tissue.
4. He needs a tissue because he's going to sneeze.
5. He's really annoyed (when his mother rings him up).
6. He's working on today's phrase.

Complete

1. A) Rob's _____ rings him up at work.
2. Rob has got a B) _____ and needs to reach a C) _____ before he D) _____
3. Rob is annoyed at his E) _____ because he doesn't want her
4. to ring him up when he is at F) _____
5. Rob is working hard on today's G) _____
6. When Rob teases Feifei and tells her she doesn't understand, H) as _____, she replies "That's not I) _____!"

YOU SAY 'EXCUSE ME!' ...

When you want to apologise for causing a problem (interrupting, making a rude, ...)

When you want someone to do something for you

When you want to get someone's attention

When you need someone to repeat sth. you didn't understand (**repetition**)

When you are **sorry** for doing something wrong

When you want to **express disbelief** about someone's unkind remark

(You want to) **be polite**

(You want to apologise for) **being rude**

(You want to) **express shock and disbelief**

Verbs followed by a direct object and a to-infinitive

Some verbs are used with a direct object (underlined> followed by a *to*-infinitive. These verbs include:

<i>advise</i>	<i>hate</i>	<i>like</i>	<i>persuade</i>	<i>request</i>
<i>ask</i>	<i>help</i>	<i>love</i>	<i>prefer</i>	<i>teach</i>
<i>challenge</i>	<i>instruct</i>	<i>need</i>	<i>recommend</i>	<i>tell</i>
<i>choose</i>	<i>intend</i>	<i>order</i>	<i>remind</i>	<i>want</i>
<i>forbid</i>	<i>invite</i>			

I **advised** him **to get** a job as soon as possible.

Did Martin **teach** Gary **to play** squash?

They **want** me **to go** to Germany with them.

1. She some salt. You / pass / her

2. I this dress. You / buy / me

3. They the lunch today. me / make

4. They to school. me / go

5. You it before they buy it. them / try

6. She there. me / go

7. He it. It is delicious ! You / eat

8. She to London. me / go

9. You it. me / do

COULD: Grammar

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/modals-and-modality/could>

CAN/CAN'T – COULD/COULDN'T – BE ABLE TO: Exercise

<http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/modal-verbs-of-ability-exercise-1.html>

SO THAT

So that.../ in order that ...

These structures are also frequently used to talk about purpose, although **so that** is more common and less formal than **in order that**.

- He's staying on in Australia for nine more months **so that** he can perfect his English.
- He's staying on in Australia for nine more months **in order to** perfect his English.
- We're going to leave by three **so that** we don't get stuck in the rush-hour traffic.
- Jamie had an afternoon nap **so that** he wouldn't fall asleep at the concert later.
- Jamie had an afternoon nap **in order not to** fall asleep at the concert later.
- **In order to** pass the exam, we recommend you read through all your notes.