



Unit 4 Lesson 8 - Sorry for interrupting, may I raise my concern?



Learn today's sentences.

Grammar Focus

- How to Interrupt Politely
- Responding to Interruptions



Key Expressions

- May I add something?
- Sorry for interrupting, may I raise my concern?



Give an opinion about the following statements.

- 1. How do you think we should deal with a noisy neighbor?
- 2. What do you think of vegetarians?

Word Focus



Listen to the teacher and repeat.



commercial



permission



copyright-free



interrupt



attractive

- Version 1
- Version 2
- Version 3
- Version 4
- Version 5 (Finalized)

finalize

Listen to the audio and repeat.



Aya and Mr. Yamada make their final decisions for the mobile app.

Mr. Yamada: Before I forget, we need to have the app launched by the

end of this month, so I'd like to have the final layout

submitted this week.

Aya: May I add something, Mr. Yamada?

Mr. Yamada: Yes, what is it?

Aya: I'm wondering if we could purchase some images rather than using copyright-free ones.

Mr. Yamada: What's your reason for that?

Aya: Commercial images are usually more attractive than these free ones.

Mr. Yamada: I see. You have my permission.

Aya: Alright then. I'll send you the final design by email this Friday.

Mr. Yamada: Terrific. I guess that's all for now.

Jenny: Sorry for interrupting, may I raise my concern? We will need more time to prepare for the

launch. So is it possible for you to finalize the design tomorrow, Aya?

Aya: I think it's a bit challenging for me. But I will try my best!

Jenny: Thank you so much!

Grammar



Learn how to interrupt politely.



Interrupting Politely

Interrupting someone mid-sentence or suddenly joining in a conversation can be rude, but these expressions can help you interrupt politely.

How to interrupt politely:

- Sorry to interrupt, but...
- Sorry for interrupting, but...
- Sorry to butt in, but...
- Can I say something?
- Can I add something?

More expressions:

To Ask a Quick Question / Clarify

Can I just say something here?

Before you continue, I'd like to say something.

Sorry to interrupt, but I'd like to ask something.

To Join a Conversation

Sorry for interrupting, but I need to have a word with Kate.

Sorry to buttin, but I have urgent news.





Learn how to respond to interruptions.



Responding to Interruptions

Allowing an Interruption

- Sure. What is it?
- No problem, go ahead.
- That's fine, what would you like to say?

Declining an Interruption

- Sorry, I don't want to lose my train of thought.
- Would you mind if I finished what I was saying?
- Just a second. I'm not quite finished yet.

CONTINUING

After someone has interrupted you, you can continue where you left off using expressions like:

- As I was saying, I think we should have our own cafeteria in the office.
- Where was I? Oh right, the CEO will be coming to inspect our work here next month, so be prepared for that.

Activity



Identify whether the interruptions are polite or impolite.

1. Sorry for interrupting, but I have to be elsewhere right now
2. Be quiet. It's my turn to talk.
3. Listen to me first then I'll listen to your opinion.
4. Can I add something before you continue?
5. Before you move on, I'd like to talk a little further about
6. Hold up. What are you talking about?

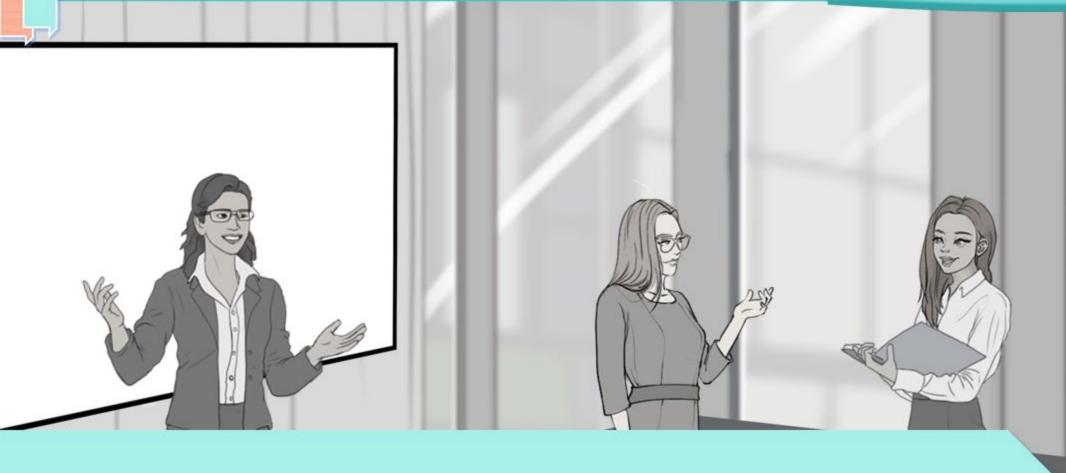
Activity



Fill in the blanks with the expressions you have learned in this lesson.

1.	A:	Thanks for your help today. I couldn't have finished the job without you.
	B:	No problem. I'm glad I could help.
	C:	(Interruption)
	B:	Sure. We're done here anyway.
2.	A:	We have received complaints from our customers that staffs don't offer help when they need it, and that's why
	B:	(Interruption)
	A:	Would you please let me finish?
3.	A:	We have decided to focus our funds on school club activities for this month.
	B:	(Interruption)
	A :	(Allow an Interruption)





Situation: Your manager interrupted your presentation to confirm something with you. Use the expressions you learned today. (Interruptions)

Summary



Read what we learned today.

