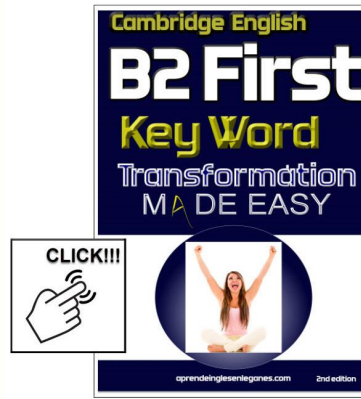


# DO YOU / WOULD YOU MIND?



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## DO YOU MIND vs WOULD YOU MIND

We use “Do you mind / Would you mind ? to make a request politely, we may be anticipating possible objections:

- Would you mind if I put off talking to John until tomorrow?
- Do you mind if I take a piece of cake?

Do you mind/Would you mind are commonly followed by a gerund (ing)

✓ Do you mind doing the dishes ? ✗ Do you mind to do the dishes?

Note the difference between:

Would/do you mind...? vs Would/do you mind me/my...?

- Would you mind turning the radio down a little ?  
*(= I want you to do it)*
- Would you mind me/my turning the radio down a little?  
*(= I want to do it)*

### DO YOU MIND - STRUCTURE

DO YOU MIND IF + SUBJECT + VERB (**present tense**)

- Do you mind if I borrow your pen?

DO YOU MIND ME/MY + verb (gerund - ing)

- Do you mind me/my turning on the light?

### WOULD YOU MIND - STRUCTURE

WOULD YOU MIND IF + SUBJECT + VERB (**past tense**)

- Would you mind if I borrowed your car tomorrow?

WOULD YOU MIND ME/MY + verb (gerund - ing)

- Would you mind me/my borrowing your car tomorrow?

## ANSWERS TO “DO YOU MIND...?” / “WOULD YOU MIND...?”:

- Do you mind if I smoke? No, I don't mind. = I allow you to do that.
- Do you mind if I smoke? Yes, I do mind. = I don't allow you to do that.

The last answer is a bit impolite. It'd be better to use “I'd rather you didn't”.