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Help me Out

A. Write five activities you plan to do and need help with, e.g. wash the car, clean the house, etc. Write these activities somewhere in the chart below.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

B. Now, find classmates who are free to help you with your five planned activities. When you ask someone for their help, use one of the polite expressions below. If a classmate agrees, have them sign their name in the square under the activity. You may have no more than one signature from the same person.

Also, fill in the rest of your schedule with activities that your classmates have asked you to help with.

Useful language for making requests and asking for favours:

Would you mind...?

Can/Could you...?

Would you be free/willing to...?

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In this enjoyable ESL activity, students learn how to make requests and ask for favours.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Procedure

Distribute the worksheets.

Have the students fill in five of the squares with activities they plan to do and need help with, e.g. wash my car, clean the house, etc.

Next, draw the students' attention to the useful language for making requests and asking for favours at the bottom of the worksheet.

Ask individual students to make requests and ask for favours using the various structures.

Students then go round the class and try to find classmates who are free to help them with their five planned activities.

When they ask for help, they use one of the expressions at the bottom of the worksheet.

When a student finds someone who agrees to help them, they ask for the student's signature, which they write under the activity.

Students may have no more than one signature from the same person.

Students also fill in the rest of their schedule with activities that their classmates have asked them to help with.

For smaller classes, the winner is the student with the most activities on his or her schedule.

For larger classes, the winner is the first student to fill in his or her schedule with activities.