



# DO YOU MIND / 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 Henry 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 /Would you** mind **doing** the dishes? Correct.
- ✗ ~~Do you mind to do the dishes?~~ Incorrect.

Note the difference between:

**Do you/Would you** mind...? and **Do you/ Would you** mind me/my...?:

- **Would you mind** filling the ice trays and putting them in the freezer? (= you do it)
- **Would you mind me/my** filling the ice trays and putting them in the freezer? (= I'll do it)

## DO YOU MIND STRUCTURE:

### **DO YOU MIND IF + SUBJECT + VERB (PRESENT TENSE)**

Do you mind if I use your computer?

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

Do you mind me/my using your computer?

**WOULD YOU MIND IF I + past**  
**DO YOU MIND IF I + present**

## WOULD YOU MIND STRUCTURE:

### **WOULD YOU MIND IF + SUBJECT + VERB (PAST TENSE)**

Would you mind if I used your computer?

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

Would you mind me/my using your computer?

## 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).