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DO YOU MIND / WOULD YOU MIND

DO YOU MIND / WOULD YOU MIND + -ING FORM

We use the phrases **would you mind + -ing form**, and **do you mind + -ing form** to ask people politely to do things. **Would you mind** is more polite and more common:

- Would you mind **opening** the window, please?
- Do you mind **turning** down the volume a little, please?

Note the difference between:

- Do you mind **turning** on the light? (= I want you to turn on the light.)
- Do you mind **me turning** on the light? (=I want to turn on the light.)

DO YOU MIND IF + PRESENT / WOULD YOU MIND IF + PAST

We can use **would you mind if I + past** or **do you mind if I + present** to ask for permission politely :

- **Would you mind if I used** your computer?
- **Do you mind if I take** a piece of cake?

Typical error

We don't use to-infinitive after would you mind or do you mind:

- ✓ Do you / Would you mind **doing** the dishes? Correct.
- ✗ Do you / Would you mind ~~to do~~ the dishes? Incorrect.

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**".