

Classroom English

Useful expressions for asking, checking and understanding

When you need to...	Useful expressions
Ask someone to repeat	Could you say that again, please? Once more, please. One more time, please. I'm sorry, I didn't catch that.
Make it easier to understand	Could you speak more slowly, please? Could you speak a little louder, please? Could you say that more simply, please? I'm sorry, I don't understand.
Ask about a word	How do you say this in English? How do you pronounce this word? How do you spell that? / How do you spell "apple"? What does this word mean?
Ask and check	What is the answer to number four? Can I ask a question? Do you understand? - Yes, I understand. / Yes, I've got it.
Ask for a little time	One moment, please. Hold on a moment, please.

Asking for repetition: Say "One more time, please."

"One more, please" usually asks for another item, such as another pen.

Useful classroom words

Word	Simple meaning
Adjective (adj)	Describes: a small bag
Noun (n)	Names: a book
Verb (v)	An action or state: go, be
Adverb (adv)	Adds detail: speak slowly

Term	Example / meaning
Past tense	I worked yesterday.
Present tense	I work every day.
Continuous form	be + verb-ing: I am working.
Polite (adj)	Respectful: "please", "thank you"