



25. Interrupting and Complaining

Interrupting

1	Sorry to interrupt, but ...	<i>Sorry to interrupt, but your kid just went to the toilet in the flower bed.</i>
2	Could I talk to you for a minute?	<i>... Can we go somewhere more private?</i>
3	Excuse me, do you have a minute?	<i>... This is important and can't wait.</i>
4	Could I jump in here?	<i>Hold on! Could I jump in here? I think you are all wrong</i>
5	Sorry, I just want to say that...	<i>Excuse me, I just wanted to say it was a great party. See you next time.</i>
6	Can I just mention something?	<i>When you want to add your quick opinion to a person or group.</i>
7	Can I just add something here?	
8	Can I just butt in for a second?	
9	May I have a word? (formal/serious)	<i>Philip, may I have a word with you in private?</i>

Complaining

10	I'm not happy about this.	<i>I'm not happy about this new tax we have to pay.</i>
11	I'm sorry, but this is unacceptable.	<i>I'm sorry, but the <i>quality of this product</i> is unacceptable.</i>
12	I'm not satisfied with this.	<i>I'm not satisfied with this meal at all.</i>
13	This is not good enough.	<i>Compared to Japan, this service is not good enough.</i>
14	I can't stand it when (informal)	<i>I can't stand it when people listen to loud music on the train.</i>
15	This ... sucks. (informal)	<i>This movies really sucks. Let's go home.</i>
16	This ... stinks. (informal)	<i>The service in this place stinks!</i>

- Are you a complainer?