

# Conversation

## Do you mind?

### Pronunciation

**Pronounce these words in pairs:**

mile-tile, mud-tub, man-tan, mail-tail, lime-light, lame-late

*I blame the martinis Mike made.*

### Reading

Hiro wants to use the telephone. He asks Johnson if he can use his.

Hiro : Mr. Johnson, can I...

Johnson: Please call me Doug.

Hiro : Doug? then call me Hiro.

Johnson: Hiro? OK.

Hiro : Do you mind if I use the phone?

Johnson: No, not at all.

Hiro : I should call my office. I'll make a *correct call*.

Johnson: Correct call? oh, you mean a collect call. No, dial direct.

### Focus on Grammar

All **conditional sentences** have two parts, a part that describes a condition and a part that describes a result. Often, we use "if" in the part that describes the condition. Use "if" with the present form verbs to describe something that makes another thing happen, such as "If it rains the street gets wet."

#### ENGLISH TIPS:

USAGE of : **Do you mind if / would you mind if**

Do you mind...? (OK)

Would you mind...? (OK)

Both are OK. Both are polite. :D "Would" is more formal than "Do". Books, especially those written a long time ago, tend to focus on formal/polite speech.

REMEMBER: it is "do you mind/would you mind V-ing" not bare infinitive!