

Making offers and suggestions:

Hello, in this lesson we will be exploring how we can offer to do something or how to make a suggestion on how to do something.



What word do we use?

We can use the word 'shall' in order to make an offer or make a suggestion.

Let's take a look at the word first.

Shall: *Shall* comes first in the verb phrase (after the subject and before another verb). We use it mostly with *I* and *we*:

*I shall **post** it to you tomorrow.*



Rules:

'Shall' cannot be used with another modal verb:



*I **shall** have to be at work in 10 minutes.*



Not: I shall must be ... or I must shall be ...



'Shall' can be followed by 'have to', 'need to' and 'be able to':



*We **shall have to** speak to the police.*

*The good news is I **shall be able to** leave the hospital today.*



Negative form

The negative form of 'shall' is 'shan't'.



We don't use *don't*, *doesn't*, *didn't* with *shall*:
*I **shan't** be home tomorrow night.*



We can use the full form '*shall not*' in formal contexts or when we want to emphasis something:



Question form

The subject and *shall* change position to form questions.

Shall I come round to the office? ✓

Not: Do I shall come round to the office? ✗



I'll phone you later, shall I?



Uses of 'shall'

We use '*shall I*' and '*shall we*' to make offers and suggestions, and to ask for advice.

offer	<i>Shall I carry your bag?</i>
suggestion	<i>Shall I call again on Thursday?</i>
seeking advice	<i>What shall we do with this?</i>

Now you use 'shall'

Use shall to make an offer:

Use shall to make a suggestion:

Use shall to ask for advice: