How to ask questions

* Watch Keira Knightley sharing her experience with dyslexia and take notes of the main ideas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLb6ehPPc4E>

* Work in pairs. Student A, get ready to re-tell Keira´s experience based on your notes. Student B, think of some follow-up questions you would like to ask Student A about Keira´s experience (see the useful phrases below).
* Student A, re-tell Keira´s story. Student B, check your understanding and ask follow-up questions (see the useful phrases below).

Useful phrases for asking questions

**Asking general questions**

Would you mind …?

I was wandering if you could …?

May I ask …?

**Asking for further information**

I am sorry, but could you explain in a little more detail …?

Could you give us some details about …?

Could you please further explain …?

Useful phrases for clarifying

**Asking for confirmation**

If I´ve understood correctly …

Correct me if I´m wrong, but

When you say …, do you mean that …?

Are you saying that …?

**Asking for repetition**

I´m afraid I´m not quite clear what you mean by that.

I´m sorry, I didn´t quite follow what you said about …

I´m afraid I don´t understand what you mean.

I´m afraid I didn´t quite get your last point. Can you go over it again please?

**Correcting misunderstandings**

I am afraid there has been a misunderstanding.

That isn´t quite what I meant.

**Re-phrasing**

Perhaps I haven´t made myself clear. What I´m trying to say is …

Let me put it another way.

Let me rephrase that.

Put simply, …

(Adapted from *The Language of Meetings*, Thomson, 2007)