

Ask for, ask you to ★★☆☆

Ask often means **enquire** (*ask a question, ask the time...*), but here we're talking about **ask** meaning **request**.

someone

1 Ask / for something



He's asking for a coffee

ask for help, ask a policeman for help...

2 Ask someone to do something

(or not to do something)



She asked him to play more quietly

ask Jim to wait, ask the bank to lend us...

Quick check

Complete each sentence with *to* or *for*:

- 1 "Why don't you ask that man _____ help us?"
- 2 I asked her _____ an ice-cream, but she had sold out.
- 3 "Can you ask George _____ wait? I won't be a minute."
- 4 I'll telephone the garage and ask _____ assistance.
- 5 "I've made a mess of this form." "Ask _____ a new one."
- 6 "Ask Brian _____ stand on one side; he's in the way."
- 7 We asked the lady _____ a drink.
- 8 They asked the pianist _____ play their favourite song.
- 9 "If you ask Joel _____ help you, I'm sure he will."
- 10 "yes sir, can I help you?" "I've already asked _____ two coffees and a weak tea."

