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Read the following story and notice how the man uses **may** to make a polite request for permission. Now think about it: was the man right in asking the stranger for help?



A man approached me in the supermarket. “I can’t find my wife,” he said. “May I talk to you for a couple minutes*?” I replied, “Sure. But why?” “Every time I talk to a beautiful woman,” he explained, “my wife appears out of nowhere.”

(Contributed by Candace Bradley.)

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* *a couple minutes* — a very informal way of saying a couple of minutes.

Now take a look at this cartoon and you will find two new words you learned: **upright position**.



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