

1. Charlotte, _____ send me the document by email?
A. ? Would please you
B. ? You could
C. ? Would you please
2. Student: _____ help me with my homework, please?
Teacher: Of course!
A. ? Could you
B. ? Could you please
C. ? May you
3. A: _____ you show me how to use this computer software?
B: _____. How can I help?
A. ? Can / I'd be glad to
B. ? Can / I be glad to
C. ? Could / I would happy to
4. Teacher: Marco, _____ erase the blackboard for me?
Marco: _____, teacher.
A. ? you will / Yes, certainly
B. ? you can / Of course
C. ? Would you please / Yes, of course
5. Teacher, _____ explain this grammar to me again, please?
A. ? could you
B. ? you will
C. ? you may
6. Sandy, _____ photocopy these letters right away?
A. ? can you
B. ? do you can
C. ? may you

Could, Should and Would Exercise

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- could - *options* I could go to her party if I wanted to
 - should - *advice* I should go to her party. If not, she'll be upset
 - would - *imagining* I would go to her party if she invited me
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Fill the gaps with could, should or would.

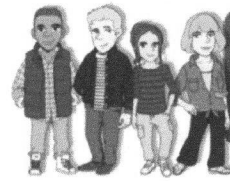
- 1 It would never occur to my boss to give me a raise.
- 2 You should phone your Mum at least twice a week.
- 3 If I had the money, I could travel the world.
- 4 I would ask her out to dinner if I had the courage.
- 5 You should get a laptop. They're so convenient.
- 6 I've got an exam on Monday so I should stay in this weekend.
- 7 I could either go on holiday to Budapest or buy a laptop.
- 8 You should always hire a car if public transport is bad there.
- 9 You should really buy a travel guide before you go to Central America.
- 10 I would change job immediately if I were offered more money.
- 11 I think my brother should live in Spain if he could get a decent job there.
- 12 You could always change your flight if you want to stay in London more time.





Watch the video and read the conversation between Sophie and Mei. Then do these exercises to check your understanding of modal verbs.

You can watch the video at: <http://bit.ly/VvnnQA>



Grammar Snacks

1. Check your grammar: matching – invitations, offers and requests

Match the two sentence halves and write a – h next to the number 1 – 8.

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| 1. <u>h</u> | Would you like to come for lunch this weekend? | a. Oh. Yes please! Could you? |
| 2. <u>e</u> | Can you help me with this table a moment? | b. Well, actually, my mum's not feeling well. Maybe another time. |
| 3. <u>F</u> | Could you tell me where the nearest bank is, please? | c. I suppose so. But I need it back before Friday. |
| 4. <u>a</u> | Would you like me to ask my brother? | d. Yes, of course. Here you go. |
| 5. <u>b</u> | Can I come round to your house later? | e. Yes, sure. Where do you want to put it? |
| 6. <u>c</u> | Could you lend me 20, please? | f. I'm sorry, I'm not from around here. |
| 7. <u>g</u> | Can I get you a cup of tea? | g. No, I'm OK, thanks, I've just had one. |
| 8. <u>d</u> | Would you mind passing me that menu, please? | h. Oh, I'd love to, thank you. |

2. Check your grammar: gap fill - invitations, offers and requests

Write the word to fill the gaps.

- Can I get you something to drink?
- Would you mind if I closed the window?
- Would you like to come skating with us?
- Can I lend you a hand?
- would you possibly lend me a pen, please?

6. Dad says we Can borrow his bicycle if we're careful.
7. You could not carry this, could you?
8. would you be free for lunch on Saturday?

3. Check your grammar: word 2 word - invitations, offers and requests

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. have some I Can water ?

Can I have some water?

2. coffee Would like ? you a

Would you like a coffee?

3. How ? I help can you

How can I help you?

4. do Could a favour me ? you

Could you do me a favour?

5. giving a you me mind Would hand?

Would you mind giving me a hand?

6. up please? me Can pick you later,

Can you pick me up later please?

7. explain you Could this, please ?

Could you explain this please?

8. come for you round to like Would dinner?

Would you like to come round for dinner?

Complete the gaps using would or should

- a) Driving a Rolls Royce *would* be nice!
- b) I wish you *would* come to my birthday party.
- c) If I *should* arrive early, I will give you a ring.
- d) I *would* like to be a doctor.
- e) I lent him my car so that he *would* drive to town.
- f) How *should* I know?
- g) The old man *would* sit there for hours, looking at the sky.
- h) Well, I *would* certainly enjoy flying Concord.
- i) *Would* you like a cup of tea?
- j) If Mary was here she *would* help me
- k) If you *should* happen to meet Tom, give him this letter, please
- l) They *should* not have lunch. They said they weren't hungry.
- m) Can you tell me where the post-office is, please? If I remember well, it *should* be round the corner.
- n) I wish you *should* get up at 6 every morning.

o) I think you *should* not let the children play in the dining-room.

p) My car *should* not start so I had had to ring for a taxi.

q) If you *should* arrive early, give us a ring, please.

r) *Would* you mind opening the door, please?

Modals of Ability 1 – Can, Could, Be able to, May, Might

Choose the best modal for each sentence.

1. could you play the piano when you were a child?

A. ? Can

B. ? Could

C. ? May
2. Sara can cook Italian food and she is able to cook French food too!

A. ? can cook / is able to cook

B. ? can cooks / can cooks

C. ? can cooking / can cooking
3. Kevin was disappointed because he _____ get tickets for the football game.

A. ? wasn't able to

B. ? weren't able to
4. Peter _____ swim when he was a child, but now he _____ . In fact, he swims every day!

A. ? could / can't

B. ? couldn't / can

C. ? couldn't / can't
5. I'm going to bring an umbrella today because it _____ rain.

A. ? is able to

B. ? can

C. ? might
6. The little girl asked, "Mommy, _____ I have a cookie?" The mother said, "Yes, you _____."

A. ? may / might

B. ? can / are able to

C. ? can / can

7. The family can't decide where to go on vacation. They _____ go to Los Angeles or they _____ go to Hawaii.

A. ? may / are able to

B. ? might / may

C. ? could / couldn't

8. She _____ understand Korean very well, but she _____ speak it perfectly.

A. ? be able to / cannot

B. ? is able to / is able to

C. ? is able to / cannot

9. My cat _____ jump, but it _____ talk.

A. ? can't / can

B. ? can / can't

10. George is absent from class today. He _____ be sick.

A. ? can

B. ? is able to

C. ? could

11. _____ I borrow your dictionary?

A. ? May

B. ? Am I able to

C. ? Might

12. _____ dogs fly? No, of course not!

A. ? Do can

B. ? Can

C. ? May

13. When Vera was young, she _____ type quickly. She took a typing class and now she _____ type very quickly!

A. ? can / could

B. ? could not / can to

C. ? could not / can

Modals of Ability 2 – Can, Could, Be able to, May, Might

Use the best modal to complete each sentence; use a negative form when necessary.

Type all of your answers in the spaces and then and click on "Check answers".
If you need help, click "Show a letter".

1. I borrow your pencil? Thanks!
2. James and Sara were so sad because they go to their brother's wedding. They were too sick.
3. The students understand the instructions for the test yesterday, so many of them failed.
4. A: We have a big problem. What we do? B: I don't know. Maybe we ask our boss for help.
5. When Tina was a child, she speak three languages: French, Arabic and English. She rarely practiced French, so she speak it anymore.
6. I'm sorry. I hear you. Please speak more loudly.
7. My little brother play piano and guitar.
8. Excuse me. I ask you a question?
9. A: What are you going to do on the weekend? B: I'm not sure yet. We go to a movie or we stay home and relax.

10. I Might not go to school tomorrow because I'm feeling sick right now. I'm not sure.

Ability: Can, Could and Be Able To

Choose one word to complete each sentence (note: contractions such as "couldn't" count as one word).

1. I'm right-handed. I am not able to write with my left hand.
2. Spiderman can climb up walls.
3. Can you usually remember your dreams?
4. People used to think that witches were able to do magic.
5. When I was young I could eat anything I liked, I never got fat.
6. Are you able to come to the pub tonight?
7. I think my computer's broken. I'm not able to send any emails.
8. I'm able to start work tomorrow.
9. How long have you been able to speak English?

Past, Present or something else?

Choose the best expression to complete these sentences.

1. I swim since I was 11.
2. I'm an interpreter. I speak 7 different languages.
3. I drive very well. I failed my test again today.
4. One day I run a marathon, but I need to practise first.
5. I would love to see the future.
6. I live in Florida. I love go to the beach every day.

General or Specific?

Choose the best answer to complete these sentences. Remember, sometimes both answers are possible - read the grammar rules again [here](#) if you can't remember them!

1. I find a birthday present for my mum this year.
2. The ambulance arrived quickly and they save everyone.
3. It was really noisy, so I sleep last

night.

4. I type 40 words a minute when I was a student.

5. I crashed my car, but the mechanic fix it.

6. Some dinosaurs walk on two legs.

7. Although I woke up 40 minutes late, I get to work on time.

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences below with can or be able to !

1. Tom can drive but he hasn't got a car.

2. I can't understand Martin. I've never been understand him been able to

3. I used to be able to stand on my head but I can't do it now.

4. Ask Ann about your problem. She should be help you. be able to

5. I can speak five languages.

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with could, was/were able to or couldn't !

1. He had hurt his leg, so he...walk very well. can not

2. She wasn't at home when I phoned but I ... contact her at her office. could

3. I looked very carefully and I ... see a figure in the distance. was able to

4. They didn't have any tomatoes in the first shop I went to, but I... could get some in the next shop.

5. My grandmother loved music. She could play the piano very well.