

Grammar: can/could/may/might

1 Rewrite the following sentences using *can*, *could*, *may* or *might*.

- 1 It is possible that he is Italian.
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- 2 Do you know how to play the piano?
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- 3 You are not allowed to speak during the exam.
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- 4 It is not possible that they are still on holiday.
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- 5 You are not allowed to smoke on the plane.
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- 6 It is possible that it will be a nice day tomorrow.
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- 7 He didn't know how to spell 'conscious'.
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- 8 Am I allowed to leave the room?
.....

2 There are mistakes in all of the following sentences. Find the mistakes and write the sentences out again correctly in your notebooks.

- 1 That mustn't be the postman. He never comes this early.
- 2 I might not to come to class on Wednesday. I've got to go to the dentist.
- 3 Could you riding a bicycle when you were seven?
- 4 You couldn't borrow my new blouse. I want to wear it myself.
- 5 I don't think we should buy him a shirt. He could not like the colour.
- 6 You ought to take a raincoat. It might rained.

Grammar: key word transformations

Paper 3, Part 3

Strategy

In Paper 3, Part 3 there are often questions testing:

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| a) <i>-ing/-ed</i> adjectives. | d) comparatives. |
| b) structures with <i>like</i> . | e) reported speech. |
| c) gerunds and infinitives. | f) modal verbs. |

Try to recognise what the question is testing.

Decide which of the above the following items test. Write the appropriate letter a) – f) in the box. Then complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word in **bold** and other words.

- 1 I will not lend you my jacket.
refuse
I my jacket.
- 2 Claudia isn't as thin as Kate.
than
Kate is Claudia.
- 3 Psychology interests me.
am
I psychology.
- 4 I want a cup of coffee.
would
I a cup of coffee.
- 5 'Do you enjoy football?', she asked him.
if
She asked..... football.
- 6 He hates travelling by bus.
stand
He by bus.
- 7 My advice is to buy a computer.
ought
You a computer.
- 8 Tom is a faster worker than Mike.
works
Tom Mike.
- 9 You can't smoke here.
allowed
You here.