

Grammar in Use

A Modals

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Modal	Functions	Examples
may	not sure about something	Let's hurry or we may be late.
	make polite requests	May I join the hiking trip?
	to seek or give permission	May I attend the football practice today?
might	not sure about something	It looks nice, but it might be expensive.
	past tense of <i>may</i> for requests	He asked if he might come in.
can	to show ability	We can clean up the room within an hour.
	to show possibility	If you practise hard, you can be selected.

TASK 1 Fill in the blanks with 'can', 'may' or 'might'.

1. She asked if we ... swim in the waterfall pool.
2. We ... and we should make all efforts to reduce our water usage.
3. ... I talk to you about how we should dispose of kitchen waste properly?
4. Throwing household garbage into drains ... clog up the sewers.
5. It ... take a long time and a lot of money to clean up polluted river.
6. According to the report, we ... have water rationing for at least two days.
7. If we do not start saving water now, we ... run out of fresh drinking water in the future.
8. The contaminated river water ... have caused this water disease.

TASK 2 Tick (✓) the correct answer to show the use of 'can', 'may' or 'might'.

Sentences	Possibility	Permission
1. They might launch the clean river project next month.		
2. You can walk with me to the car.		
3. It may be too hot to walk to school.		
4. You may watch the documentary on clean rivers with me.		
5. I asked if I might leave school early today.		
6. I might be able to reach the summit before you.		

TASK 3 Fill in the blanks with 'can', 'may' or 'might'.**How to Maintain a Healthy Environment****Transport**

- We 1 ... encourage car pooling or the use of public transport. We could also walk to our places of work or leisure. This 2 ... help reduce our carbon footprint.
- Video conferencing 3 ... be a good alternative to holding meetings. So, companies 4 ... be encouraged to use electronic communications.

Reducing waste

- Be responsible when using paper. We 5 ... be able to save some trees if we learn not to waste papers.
- We 6 ... maximise energy efficiency by using cost-effective equipment like energy-saving air conditioners.
- We 7 ... definitely reduce waste through widespread use of recycling bins.

Garbage and waterways

- Tonnes of garbage thrown into rivers 8 ... pollute and threaten riverine life.
- It is not only rivers but people are at risk, too. Contaminated river water 9 ... be consumed by riverside dwellers. Water-borne diseases 10 ... spread from these rivers.

B Choice Questions**Grammar INFO**

Choice questions are questions asked by giving a choice. The question provides the answer.

Auxiliary verb	Subject	Main verb	Choice 1	or	Choice 2	Answer
Do	you	prefer	kayaking	or	cycling?	Kayaking.
Main verb	Subject	Choice 1	or	Choice 2	Answer	
Is	your house	here	or	there?	There.	

TASK 4 Complete the table below with an appropriate choice of activities or things.

Choice Questions					
1.	Do	you want	sugar		milk?
2.	Does	she take	coffee		tea?
3.	Have	they decided on	...	or	...
4.	Is	your favourite ice cream,
5.	Are	you reserving tickets for	...		movie B?