

Worksheet

Modal verbs of ability & possibility



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Read the following example. Which modal verb expresses ability and which expresses possibility?
Is the example sentence in past or present tense? Then identify its grammatical structure.

Example	Grammatical structure	Ability or Possibility	Past or Present Tense
Animals can act nicely.			
Some animals are capable of being nice.			
The female fox gave him another chance to see if he could act like a gentleman.			
He needed help because he was not able to put food into his mouth.			
What could happen next?			
Why did the hippo attack the crocodile while it was possible for him to ignore that and leave it that way?			