



# MODAL VERBS



can สามารถ  
ขออนุญาต  
ความเป็นไปได้  
**can't**

could สามารถ (อดีต)  
ขออนุญาต (สุภาพ)  
ความเป็นไปได้  
**couldn't**

Put in **can / can't / could / couldn't**. If none is possible, use 'be able to' in the correct tense.

- \_\_\_\_\_ you swim **when you were 10**?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ get to the meeting on time **yesterday** because the train was delayed by one hour.
- He's amazing. He \_\_\_\_\_ speak 5 languages including Chinese.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ drive a car until I was 34, then I moved to the countryside so I had to learn.
- She's 7 years old but she \_\_\_\_\_ read yet — her parents are getting her extra lessons.
- I read the book three times but I \_\_\_\_\_ understand it.
- James \_\_\_\_\_ speak Japanese when he lived in Japan, but he's forgotten most of it now.

Modal verb ในรูปอดีต

**couldn't**

could have  
ความสามารถหรือ  
การกระทำอะไรบางอย่างใน  
อดีตที่ไม่ได้เกิดขึ้นจริง

**shouldn't**

should have  
ข้อแนะนำจากอีกฝ่าย  
ในอดีตที่  
ไม่ได้เกิดขึ้นจริง

**wouldn't**

would have  
การกระทำในอดีตที่ไม่ได้เกิดขึ้นจริง  
เช่น ถ้าสิ่งนั้นเกิดขึ้น  
เราจะทำอย่างนั้น  
(แต่จริง ๆ แล้วไม่ได้เกิดขึ้น)

could have / should have / would have

+ **V3**



- I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) bread but I didn't know we needed it.  
(past **possibility**)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (not invite) so many people to our party!  
I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone.  
(past negative **advice / regret**)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) saving money years ago!  
(past **advice / regret**)
- They \_\_\_\_\_ win) the football match, but Greg hurt his  
ankle. (past **possibility**)
- The weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) any worse!  
(past negative **possibility**)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) on time, even if I'd left earlier.  
There were dreadful traffic jams all the way. (past negative **possibility**)
- Andrew \_\_\_\_\_ (call) Amy, but he didn't have her  
number. (past **willingness**)
- John \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Cambridge University, but he  
decided to travel instead. (past **possibility**)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not eat) so much chocolate! I feel sick  
! (past negative **advice / regret**)
- I'm really cold! I \_\_\_\_\_ my coat.  
(past **advice / regret**)