

GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE II

WORKSHOP #1

Modal Auxiliary Verbs

I. DECIDE WHETHER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE CORRECT OR INCORRECT.

Luisa can to play the guitar very well	CORRECT	INCORRECT
I can speak two languages.	CORRECT	INCORRECT
She might be sick.	CORRECT	INCORRECT
He may uses the new shirt	CORRECT	INCORRECT
We can danced last night.	CORRECT	INCORRECT
They might sleeping all day long.	CORRECT	INCORRECT

II. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. He _____ be sick
a. can b. might
2. She _____ play the piano two years ago
a. Can b. could
3. I'm not sure who she is. She _____ our new teacher.
a. Can be b. might be
4. Calling Mr. Thomson at three o'clock _____ a good idea.
a. Might not be b. cannot be

5. I _____ walk when I was less than a year old.

a. Can b. could

6. My grandfather _____ walk without any help last night.

a. Can b. could

7. My sister _____ play tennis now.

a. May b. can

8. _____ he understand what you were talking about?

a. can b. could

9. Elisa _____ be sick.

a. can b. could

10. Frank _____ ride a motorcycle at 85 miles per hour.

a. can b. might

