



NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ GROUP: _____

	Positive Sentences	Negative Sentences	Questions
might	✓ Alia might go to the party.	✓ Alia might not go to the party.	✗ (not common)
could	✓ Juan could be late.	✗ (not common)	✓ Could Juan be late?
may	✓ They may buy a new car.	✓ They may not buy a new car.	✗ (not common)

Note #1

Could not is almost always used to show past ability, not present or future possibility.

- Lisa **could not** go to the party.
(Past ability = She didn't go to the party.)
- Lisa **might not** go to the party.
(Future possibility = She's not sure if she will go to the party or not.)

Note #2

The adverb *maybe* is often used to show possibility. We usually use *maybe* at the beginning or end of a sentence. Compare the adverb *maybe* with the modal *may*.

- **Maybe** he **is** sick today.
- He **may** be sick today.
- **Maybe** they **have** a cat.
- They **may** **have** a cat.

Fill in the blanks below to complete the sentences. Use the words in the above box.

1. I _____ go to the party last night because I was sick.
2. A: _____ Noel cook Italian food? B: Yes, he _____.
3. My sister _____ swim last year, but now she _____.
4. They _____ go shopping yesterday because the store was closed.
5. A: _____ you read when you were four years old? B: Yes, I _____.

couldn't	Can / can	couldn't / can	couldn't	Could / could
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Match the two sentence halves and write a – h next to the number 1 – 8.

- 1..... Would you like to come for lunch this weekend?
a. Oh. Yes please! Could you?
- 2..... Can you help me with this table a moment?
b. Well, actually, my mum's not feeling well. Maybe another time.
- 3..... Could you tell me where the nearest bank is, please?
c. I suppose so. But I need it back before Friday.
- 4..... Would you like me to ask my brother?
d. Yes, of course. Here you go.
- 5..... Can I come round to your house later?
e. Yes, sure. Where do you want to put it?
- 6..... Could you lend me 20, please?
f. I'm sorry, I'm not from around here.
- 7..... Can I get you a cup of tea?
g. No, I'm OK, thanks, I've just had one.
- 8..... Would you mind passing me that menu, please?
h. Oh, I'd love to, thank you.