



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.

- I _____ go to the party last night because I was sick.
- A: _____ Noel cook Italian food? B: Yes, he _____.
- My sister _____ swim last year, but now she _____.
- They _____ go shopping yesterday because the store was closed.
- 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.

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| 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. |