

# 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? |                       |                        |                       |