

past possibility (but did not happen)

concession

present possibility

annoyance

suggestion- no better alternative

lack of enthusiasm

future possibility

past possibility

1 You might have missed the train if you hadn't left home early.

2 We might as well just cancel the plans since nobody else seems interested.

3 You could at least apologize for what you said!

4 You might want to take an umbrella with you today; the forecast predicts rain."

5 They might offer you a promotion next month if your performance continues to excel.

6 Nobody answers the phone; they might have already left.

7 She can be a great swimmer but she's not very good at dancing 😞

8 They might as well buy the red car- the others are too small for the whole family

Can I use your tablet, please?

9

You can borrow a pair of skates for the first class.

10

May I help you?

11

Could you deliver the books, please?

12

refuse permission

ask for permission

make an offer

give permission

make a request

You may not use your phone during the test.

13

permission to do sth  
in one occasion

express certainty

ability to do sth in  
one occasion

express certainty

ability or inability  
in the past

ability or inability

14

It couldn't have been Mary!  
She's in hospital!

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In his younger days, he  
could run marathons,  
but he couldn't sprint.

18

Sarah was allowed to  
leave the classto look for  
her jacket left in the  
gymnasium

He can speak  
Spanish fluently, but  
he can't write it very  
well.

15

You can't be tired! You slept all  
morning!

17

They managed to  
reach the top  
without ropes

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