



Can - Could - May - Might



Look at the picture and read the dialogue below.



Jim Dad, **could** I ask you something?
The Tigers are playing tomorrow
and Bill's going. **Can** I go, too?

Dad No, Jim. I don't think so. It **might** not be
a good idea. Two kids alone at a match...

Jim Come on dad, we're not kids.

Dad OK you're not kids, but you **may** get lost or get hurt.

Jim Oh, Dad. Come with us then.

Dad Hmm, that's a good idea. I always enjoy a good match.

Jim Yeah!

Now, match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1. Jim asks | a. is going to the match. |
| 2. His father thinks | b. for permission to go to a football match. |
| 3. Bill | c. it might not be a good idea. |
| 4. Jim's father likes | d. watching football. |
| 5. Jim wants | e. his father to join them. |



Модальні дієслова: CAN – COULD – MAY – MIGHT

◆ Загальна інформація

Can, could, may, might — це модальні дієслова.

Вони мають особливі правила:

☞ Після них дієслово вживається без to

can go, could help, may come

☞ Форма однакова для всіх осіб

I can, he can, they can

☞ Питання і заперечення утворюються без допоміжного do

Can you help me?

I can't swim.

Can / Could / May — прохання дозволу

Ми використовуємо Can I...? / Could I...? / May I...?, щоб попросити дозвіл.

✓ Приклади:

- Can I go to the theatre?
- ☞ Чи можу я піти до театру?
- Could I go to the theatre?
- ☞ Чи можна мені піти до театру? (ввічливіше)
- May I go to the theatre?
- ☞ Чи дозволите мені піти до театру? (дуже ввічливо, офіційно)

◆ Відповіді:

- Yes, you can / may.
- ☞ Так, можна.
- No, you can't / may not.
- ☞ Ні, не можна.

Can / Could / May — пропозиція допомоги

Ми використовуємо ці дієслова, щоб ввічливо запропонувати допомогу.

✓ Приклад:

- Can I help you?
- 🖱 Можу я вам допомогти?
- Could I help you?
- 🖱 Чи можу я вам допомогти? (ввічливіше)
- May I help you?
- 🖱 Дозвольте вам допомогти? (офіційно)



Can / Could — ввічливі прохання

◆ Прохання для себе:

- Can I have a glass of water?
- 🖱 Можна мені склянку води?
- Could I have a glass of water?
- 🖱 Чи можна мені склянку води? (ввічливіше)

◆ Прохання до іншої людини:

- Can you give me a glass of water?
- 🖱 Можеш дати мені склянку води?
- Could you give me a glass of water?
- 🖱 Чи міг би ти дати мені склянку води? (ввічливо)

📌 Could звучить більш ввічливо, ніж can.



Can / Could — прохання про послугу

- Can you help me with my homework?
- 🖱️ Ти можеш допомогти мені з домашнім завданням?
- Could you help me with my homework?
- 🖱️ Чи міг би ти допомогти мені з домашнім завданням? (ввічливо)

May / Might / Could — можливість (теперішнє або майбутнє)

Ми використовуємо ці дієслова, щоб сказати, що щось можливо станеться.

✓ Приклад:

- It may rain today.
- 🖱️ Можливо, сьогодні буде дощ.
- It might rain today.
- 🖱️ Може бути дощ. (менша ймовірність)
- It could rain today.
- 🖱️ Може піти дощ.

● NOTE / Зверни увагу

Might означає невелику ймовірність.

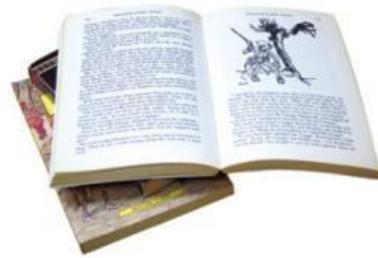
- Fred might not go out with me tonight.
- 🖱️ Можливо, Фред сьогодні не піде зі мною гуляти.

Activities

A. Look at the pictures and the prompts and use *can* or *could* to make requests or ask for a favour, as in the example.



1. help / find / mobile phone
Can/Could you help me
find my mobile phone?



2. borrow / these books



3. see / your ticket



4. post / these letters



5. call / Steve



B. Look at the pictures and the prompts and write sentences expressing possibility. Use *may*, *might* or *could*, as in the example.

buy / T-shirt join / team get / haircut
have / accident ~~travel abroad / this year~~ visit / tomorrow
become famous go to / stadium



1. Dan wants to go on holiday. He may/might/could travel abroad this year.



2. Julie's hair is very long. She _____



3. Diane doesn't drive carefully so she _____



4. Paul is at the souvenir shop. He _____



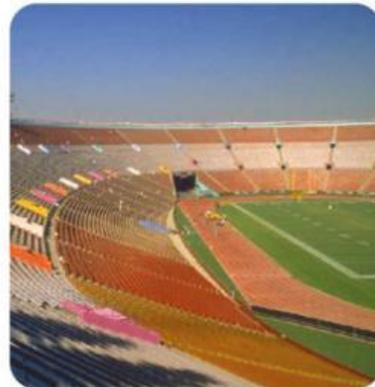
5. I want to see my best friend Clara so I _____



6. Brian is a great artist so he _____



7. Peter is crazy about football. He _____



8. Tom and Jim's favourite football team is in town so they _____



C. Complete with the correct form of *can, could, may or might*.

1. _____ you tell me the time, please?
2. _____ I help you?
3. _____ I go out, Miss Harper?
4. It's very cold today. It _____ snow.
5. **A:** Mum, I need your car! _____ I take it?
B: No, you _____.
6. I _____ visit my grandparents at the weekend but I'm not sure.
7. We need some vegetables. _____ you go to the market, please?
8. _____ I use your computer for a minute?
9. The weather is really nice. We _____ go swimming later.
10. Mary is studying for a test. She _____ come to the party.