

GRAMMAR – MODAL VERBS I: CAN, COULD, BE ABLE TO.

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1. Click the correct answer.

IN A COMA.

Sometimes when a person gets a serious injury to his head or brain, he **can't / isn't able to / might** go into a coma. People in a coma **couldn't / aren't able to / might not** respond to people and things around them. A person in a coma **may / couldn't / are able to** open his eyes, but this isn't something he **may / are able to / can** control. Some people in comas **are able to / is able to / could** hear things that are going around them. When journalist Geoffrey Lean was in a coma, he **is able to / might / could** hear everything that people said, and felt frustrated that he **might not / wasn't able to / may not** respond. Geoffrey recovered after a month and now he **could / may / is able to** walk and talk. Ron Houben from Belgium, however, was in a coma for 23 years. Today, although no longer in coma, he still **couldn't / aren't able to / can't** walk and he **can / might / may** only talk with the help of a computer.