

MAY & CAN

MAY

Request (polite)

May I borrow your book?

Permission (polite)

All employees may take the day off.

Possibility (something not certain)

It may snow tomorrow.

Prohibition (no permission)

You may not smoke in my house.

Wish

May all your dreams come true.

CAN

Request (informal)

Can I borrow your book?

Permission (informal)

All employees can take the day off.

Possibility (general statement)

It can snow a lot in winter.

Offer

Can I give you a hand?

Ability

She can play the guitar.

CAN / COULD

Use can, can't, could, or couldn't to complete the sentences.

1. When Mary was 15, she was a fast runner. She _____ run 200 meters in 30 seconds.
a. could b. can't c. can d. couldn't
2. I am sorry but I _____ come to your party next Friday.
a. can b. can't c. couldn't d. could
3. I am not in a hurry. I _____ wait for you if you need more time to study.
a. could b. can c. can't d. couldn't
4. I was very sick yesterday. I _____ eat anything.
a. can b. can't c. could d. couldn't
5. Please speak louder. I _____ hear you very well.
a. could b. couldn't c. can d. can't
6. John was an intelligent child. He _____ read when he was two.
a. couldn't b. can c. could d. can't
7. It is sunny outside. _____ we go outside and play?
a. Could b. Couldn't c. Can d. Can't
8. The lock was broken. I _____ open the door.
a. can b. can't c. could d. couldn't
9. I like math. I _____ solve math problems quickly.
a. could b. couldn't c. can d. can't
10. The museum is closed. We _____ go today.
a. can b. could c. can't d. couldn't



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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

MAY and MIGHT



- **'May'** and **'might'** are used to talk about the possibility of something happening. 'May' is often more possible than 'might'.
- **Examples:** "I'm not sure what to do. I *may* watch TV."
"You *might not* like that TV program."



- **Complete the sentences below by using 'may (not)' and 'might (not)' to describe possibility.**

1. There are some dark clouds in the sky. **[may]**

It may rain.

2. It's nine-thirty and Jack feels tired. **[might]**

3. My class starts soon, but I'm not sure where the classroom is. **[may not]**

4. Sarah has some money and she is at a clothing store. **[might]**

5. Kelly and Jenny are friends, but they live in different cities. They are both traveling to Washington this summer. **[may]**

6. It's cold outside, but James isn't wearing a jacket. **[might]**

7. My brother is at a restaurant and he feels a little hungry. **[may]**

8. I should go to work today, but I feel a little sick. **[might not]**
