

**1. Transform the following sentences by adding the modal verbs provided. Think about how the meaning has changed:**

- a. He works in Toronto. (may)  
He may work in Toronto.
- b. Does your father speak Mandarin? (can)  
Does your father can speak Mandarin?
- c. What time did class start? (will)  
What time will class start?
- d. I didn't finish my homework (could not)  
I could not finish my homework
- e. Ken is going to France next year. (might)  
Ken might go to France next year.
- f. It snows here in December. (may)  
It may snow here in December.
- g. She sings for her friends and family. (will)  
She will sing for her friends and family.
- h. Is your mom staying for two weeks? (can)  
Can your mom stay for two weeks?
- i. Do they need help with anything? (will)  
Do they will need help with anything?
- j. He is coming to work at 8:30. (may not)  
He may not come to work at 8:30.

k. The police officer is going to ask you for your name. (might)



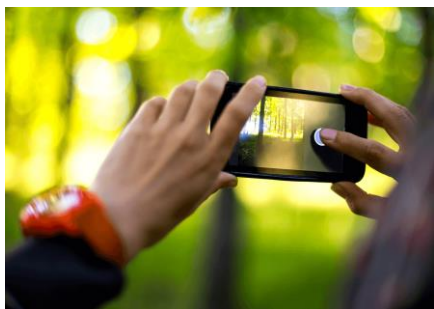
The police officer might ask you for your name.

l. I ran very fast before I hurt my foot. (could)

I could run very fast before I hurt my foot.

**2. Fill in the blanks to these conversations about ability with **can** or **could**. For some sentences, the negative form is necessary:**

a.		Tom, <b>can</b> you play tennis?  Not much anymore. I <b>could</b> play very well when I was young.
b.		<b>Could</b> you speak English well when you were in middle school?  No, I was terrible!
c.		Why did you miss class yesterday?  I was sick, so I <b>couldn't</b> come.

d.		<p><b>Can</b> you cook?</p> <p>Yes, I <b>can</b>. I learned from my father.</p>
e.		<p>It looks delicious, but I <b>can't</b> eat this cake. I'm so full.</p> <p>Give it to me. I <b>can</b> finish it.</p>
f.		<p>What a cute dog. Where did you get it?</p> <p>I got it from my grandfather. He <b>couldn't</b> take care of it anymore.</p>
g.		<p><b>Can</b> you come to my party this weekend?</p> <p>Sorry, I <b>can't</b>. I am working all weekend.</p>
h.		<p>Why did you get a new phone?</p> <p>Because I <b>couldn't</b> take good photos with my old one.</p>

i.		<p>What's wrong?</p> <p>I <b>can't</b> understand this movie. It doesn't make any sense!</p>
j.		<p>Was it hard to learn how to play your guitar?</p> <p>Well, when I first got it, I <b>could</b> play anything, but now I <b>can't</b> play a few songs.</p>
k.		<p><b>Can</b> your little brother swim?</p> <p>No, he <b>can't</b>. He's afraid of the water.</p>
l.		<p><b>Can</b> you understand that video we saw yesterday?</p> <p>No, I <b>can't</b>. <b>Could</b> you?</p>

### 3. Make requests for the following situations:

- a. You are hot. The window is closed. Your friend is near the window.  
Can you open the window is so hot right now?
- b. You are having dinner. Your soup needs salt. The salt is near a woman you don't know very well.  
May you pass me the salt please?
- c. You are at the movies with your friend. You forgot your wallet. You don't have money to buy a ticket.  
Can you pay this time? I'll get next one.
- d. You are in class. You can't understand the grammar. Your teacher is free at her desk.  
May I ask some questions about the class?
- e. You have many heavy suitcases. You can't carry them up the stairs. There is a man standing beside you.  
May I ask you a favor? Can you help me with this suitcases, they are really heavy.
- f. You are studying. Your roommate is listening to loud music. It's very noisy.  
Can you please turn down the volume of the music?
- g. You are having a party. You need some more snacks. Your friend is going to the store.  
Can you please bring me some snacks from the store?
- h. You are at the movies. The person beside you is using their cell phone. It is noisy.  
Excuse me, can you please lower your volume

- i. Your boss calls you. You are very busy now. You will be free later.  
May I speak with you later? I'm very busy right now.
- j. You have to stay late at work. You need to feed your dog at home. Your sister is at home. You are chatting with her on your phone.  
Can you feed the dog? I'm going to stay late at work.
- k. You are on vacation with your family. You want to take a nice family photo together. You see a person walking near you.  
Excuse me, may you take a photo of us?
- l. You want to play badminton. You have no one to play with. Your friend is free.  
Hey mate, can you go with me to play badminton?

**4. Ask for permission. Which modal verb should you use: can, could, or may?**

- a. Ask your father if you can use his car.  
Could I use your car?
- b. Ask you friend if you can stay at his house.  
Can I stay at your house?
- c. Ask your boss if you can have a day off.  
May I have a day off?
- d. Ask your sister if you can borrow her computer.  
Could I use your computer?
- e. Ask someone if you can sit beside them at the movies.  
May I sit here?
- f. Ask your teacher if you can leave early.  
Could I leave the class early?
- g. Ask your mom if you can go to a concert tonight.  
Can I go to a concert tonight?
- h. Ask a friend if you can eat the last piece of pizza.  
Could I eat the last piece of the pizza?
- i. Ask a stranger at a restaurant if you can take a chair from their table.  
May I take this chair from your table?
- j. Ask your friend if you can turn off the TV.  
Can you turn off the TV?