**MODALS OF ABILITY:CAN,COULD,BE ABLE TO**

Ability(n) = the power or skill needed to do something

Use can to say that something is possible.

Possible(adj( = can be done,can happen

1.Use **can** or **be**(**is/am/are )able to** to talk about ability in the present.

Example:I can play the guitar.

Form:subject+can+base form

2.Use **could or was/were able to** to talk about ability in the past.

Form:subject+could/was/were able to+base form

**Examples:**

I could speak 5 languages when I was 5.

I was able to speak 5 languages when I was 5.

3.Use **will be able to** to talk about ability in the future.

Form:subject+will be able to+base form

Example:The students **will be able to** pass the midterm exam next week.