

Modals - Can/Could:

"**Can**" and "**could**" are modal auxiliary verbs that indicate the ability, possibility, permission, or polite requests.

"Can":

- **Ability:** It expresses present ability or capability.
 - *She **can** swim.*
- **Possibility:** It can indicate a possibility or likelihood.
 - *It **can** get crowded on weekends.*
- **Permission:** It can be used to ask for or give permission.
 - *Can I **borrow** your pen?*
 - *You **can** go now.*

"Could":

- **Past Ability:** It expresses past ability or capability.
 - *When I was younger, I **could** run very fast.*
- **Polite Request:** It is often used for making polite requests.
 - *Could you **please** pass the salt?*

Summary Chart:

Type	Example Sentences
Can (Present)	She can sing very well.
Can (Possibility)	It can be quite noisy here.
Can (Permission)	Can I join the team?
Could (Past Ability)	When I was young, I could swim.
Could (Polite Request)	Could you help me, please?