

Lesson 2 / Handout 2c

Decide about the following modals (whether they express ability, permission or possibility), and label each sentence accordingly: A = ability / I = inability, Per = permission, Poss = possibility:

She can speak English very well. It may / might / could rain tomorrow.

Can I join you? When I was young I could speak English better than my sister.

I could go there if I wanted. It may / might / could be raining. She cannot sing very well.

Even at the age of 15 she could not swim at all. Might I perhaps look at it?

Could I go to the theatre tonight? May I open the window?

It may / might / could have rained.