



Auxiliary Verbs "Can/Could" and "May/Might/Must"

Can

Se utiliza para expresar la [habilidad](#) (ser capaz de hacer algo) :

- I can make jewelry.
- He can't speak French.

Se utiliza para [pedir permiso](#) :

- Can I use your bathroom?
- Can I leave now?

Se utiliza para [hacer preguntas](#):

- Can I have more napkins?
- Can I go to the toilet?

Could (pasado de can)

Describe una [habilidad](#) que alguien tuvo en el pasado:

- I could swim when I was young.
- They could tell he was nervous.

Para pedir [permiso con educación](#):

- Could I take this jacket with me?
- Could you please let me pass you?

Para expresar [posibilidad](#):

- All of them could ride in the van.
- This plan could really work out.

May

Se usa para [preguntas formales](#):

- May I say something now?
- May I ask one question?

Se utiliza para decir que algo **es posible**:

- She may agree with this plan.
- They may not be happy about what happened.

Might

Se utiliza para **menor posibilidad que may** :

- I might go see a doctor.
- I might not come this time.
- It might be right.

Must

Se usa para expresar algo **requerido o necesario**:

- I must complete the project by this week.
- The government must provide health care for everybody.

Se utiliza para demostrar que algo es **muy probable**:

- He must be a genius.
- There must be an accident.

EJERCICIOS

- 1)She _____ (can, could, may, might, must) have practiced a lot. Her performance was amazing.
- 2)I can't find my watch anywhere. I _____(can, could, may, might, must) have lost it.
- 3)Professor, _____(can, could, may, might, must) I ask a question?
- 4)_____(can, could, may, might, must) you please lower your voice?
- 5)You _____(can, could, may, might, must) be kidding! How is that possible?
- 6)I _____ (can, could, may, might, must) speak both English and Chinese fluently.