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Can and May Worksheets 1

A **modal verb** is an **auxiliary** verb. It is used to express necessity or possibility. They are must, shall, will should, would, can, could, may, and might.

Can and **may** are often misused, mostly because they do not have a real clear past tense.

Can: can mean to have the ability to do something, or to be able to do it.



Example: I **can** ride a bicycle.

May – means to have permission or to be allowed to do something.

Example: My mom says I **may** go riding on the street.

*Type “**can**“, or “**may**” in the spaces for each sentence.*

1. The old man _____ walk quickly.
2. The teacher said that Jeffrey _____ leave the class when he was done with the exercise.
3. Grandmother _____ eat when she comes out of surgery.
4. My brother _____ kick a football across the whole field.

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5. My dad says _____ sleep late.
6. I _____ work were I pleased.
7. My mom says I _____ participate in the match.
8. Your cousin Joe _____ whistle.
9. I _____ do this exercise
10. The old lady _____ climb the stairs.
11. I _____ finish my work on time.
12. _____ I get something to eat?
13. _____ I ask you an important question?