

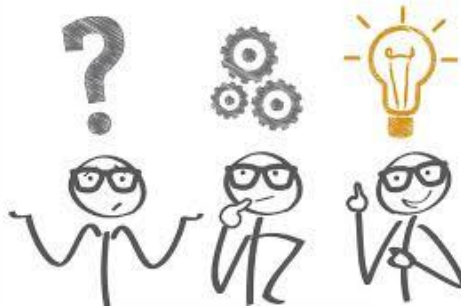


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Unit 6b: Modals for Requests

CAN - COULD

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What is a modal verb?

A modal verb is one that we use for specific purposes.

✓ CAN

✓ COULD

✓ MAY

✓ MIGHT

✓ MUST and others

Those verbs
are used as
auxiliary verbs
too



■ Offers

What **can** I do for you?

Can I give you a hand?

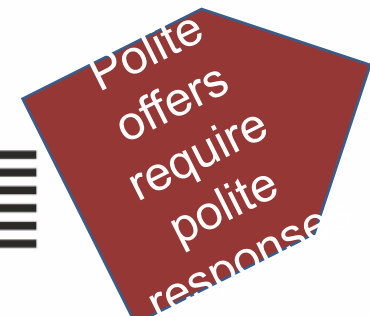
How **can** I support you?





We use can with any verb in simple form

- I can do something for you, right?
Sure, help me with math.
- What can we do to make you feel better?
Well, you could get me a cup of coffee.
- Where can I take you tonight?
Let me think, we can go to the cinema.





■ Requests

Can you give me a hand?

Could you lend me some money?

Could you help me with my homework?





Can is demanding

Could is polite

- Could you let me go to that party tonight, **please**?
Sure, if you do your homework now.
- Can you give me permission to make a party?
I'm sorry, you can't do so.
- **Please**, could you give me some advice?
Definitely, I could help you if you let me.

Polite
responses
are
excellent
here



Some quotations



The only difference between CAN or COULD is the usage.

- ✓ Can you show me the way to the station, please? (REQUEST)
- ✓ Can I take these bags for you? (OFFER)
- ✓ Please, could you fix this device for me? (REQUEST)
- ✓ Can I help you with that problem? (OFFER)

Either demanding or polite, they can be used by any subject and any verb in simple form.

To be polite,
you can use
other modal
verbs like MAY
or MIGHT.



*Thank
you*



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