

LESSON 22

Modal Constructions

1. The modal verb "**Can**" can be replaced in all tenses and faces with a modal construction

To be able to ...

Pronouns	Modal Constructions: Affirmative Forms		
	Present tense	Past tense	Future tense
I	am able to	was able to	shall be able to
he	is able to	was able to	will be able to
she	is able to	was able to	will be able to
it	is able to	was able to	will be able to
you	are able to	were able to	will be able to
we	are able to	were able to	shall be able to
they	are able to	were able to	will be able to

Pronouns	Modal Constructions: Negative Forms I		
	Present tense	Past tense	Future tense
I	am not able to	was not able to	shall not be able to
he	is not able to	was not able to	will not be able to
she	is not able to	was not able to	will not be able to
it	is not able to	was not able to	will not be able to
you	are not able to	were not able to	will not be able to
we	are not able to	were not able to	shall not be able to
they	are not able to	were not able to	will not be able to

Pronouns	Modal Constructions: Negative Forms II		
	Present tense	Past tense	Future tense
I	am unable to	was unable to	shall be unable to
he	is unable to	was unable to	will be unable to
she	is unable to	was unable to	will be unable to
it	is unable to	was unable to	will be unable to
you	are unable to	were unable to	will be unable to
we	are unable to	were unable to	shall be unable to
they	are unable to	were unable to	will be unable to

Pronouns	Modal Constructions: Interrogative Forms		
	Present tense	Past tense	Future tense
I	am I able to ... ?	was I able to ... ?	shall I be able to ... ?
he	is he able to ... ?	was he able to ... ?	will he be able to ... ?
she	is she able to ... ?	was she able to ... ?	will she be able to ... ?
it	is it able to ... ?	was it able to ... ?	will it be able to ... ?
you	are you able to ... ?	were you able to ... ?	will you be able to ... ?
we	are we able to ... ?	were we able to ... ?	shall we be able to ... ?
they	are they able to ... ?	were they able to ... ?	will they be able to ... ?

Example in 1 x 15

Types of sentences	Present tense	Past tense	Future tense
Affirmative	I am able to do it	I was able to do it	I shall be able to do it
Negative	I am not able to do it	I was not able to do it	I shall not be able to do it
Interrogative	Are you able to do it?	Were you able to do it?	Will you be able to do it?
Short answers	Yes, I am	Yes, I was	Yes, I shall
	No, I am not	No, I was not	No, I shall not