

# Worksheet: Ability, Permission, and Possibility

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### Vocabulary list

#### Political Science:

- political theory
- international relations
- public policy
- comparative politics
- political economy
- European studies
- diplomacy
- human rights studies

#### Law:

- constitutional law
- criminal law
- civil law
- administrative law
- international law
- legal theory
- legal writing
- moot court practice

Match the expressions with their definitions (teacher provides)

## Part 1 – Modal Verbs & Expressions Table

Expression	Use	Example (Politics/Law Context)
<b>can / can't</b>	Ability / Permission	<i>I can write a legal essay. / You can't enter the moot court without registration.</i>
<b>be able to</b>	Ability (present/future)	<i>I am able to analyze a political speech. / Next week, I will be able to attend the seminar.</i>
<b>be capable of</b>	Formal ability / skill	<i>I am capable of presenting a case in the moot court.</i>
<b>may / may not</b>	Formal permission	<i>You may submit your assignment online. / You may not copy another student's work.</i>

Expression	Use	Example (Politics/Law Context)
<b>be allowed to</b>	Permission	<i>Students are allowed to use the library computers.</i>
<b>might / may</b>	Possibility	<i>I might attend the debate on human rights. / We may have an extra lecture next Thursday.</i>
<b>could</b>	Suggestion / possible ability	<i>You could ask the professor for help with your essay.</i>

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## Part 2 – Fill in the Gaps

Complete the sentences with the correct expression from the table.

1. I \_\_\_\_ attend the guest lecture tomorrow.
  2. You \_\_\_\_ enter the seminar room without your student ID.
  3. She \_\_\_\_ explain the international law case very clearly.
  4. We \_\_\_\_ have a political science workshop next week.
  5. Students \_\_\_\_ submit their papers online until Friday.
  6. He \_\_\_\_ present his legal argument confidently in the moot court.
  7. You \_\_\_\_ ask the academic advisor for help with your schedule.
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## Part 3 – Pair Speaking Practice

**Situation:** You are at the university. Ask and answer using *can*, *may*, *be allowed to*, *might*, *be able to*, *be capable of*.

**Examples:**

- Ask for permission to use the law library computers.
  - Ask if you can join a seminar you missed.
  - Discuss what you are able/capable of doing this semester.
  - Talk about possibilities for next week's lectures or debates.
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## Part 4 – Writing Practice

Write 4 sentences about **your abilities, permissions, or possibilities at university** using different expressions.

**Hints:**

- *I can / can't...*
- *I am able to...*
- *I am capable of...*
- *I may / might...*

- *I am allowed to...*

**Example:**

- *I can read legal texts in English.*
- *I am allowed to use the moot court room for practice.*