

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

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

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.

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.

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.*