

Modal Verbs of Permission

Can/Could/May

- 1. Can** is used in the present tense and is used to ask for permission or to talk about it.
- 2. Could** is the past tense of can. **Could** is used for polite permission in the past
- 3. May** is used to ask for permission in a more formal way.

- **Can** I make tea for you?
- He **can** enjoy the party.
- **Can** I sit beside you?
- **Can** I eat your chocolate?
- **Can** I hug you?
- **Could** I create a painting?
- **Could** I eat a pizza?
- **Could** I use your phone?
- **Could** his brother sit beside you?
- **May** I come in?
- You **may** leave.
- Ali **may** sit here, but you are not allowed.
- **May** I go to the toilet?

