

НЯКОИ УПОТРЕБИ И СИНОНИМНИ ИЗРАЗИ НА МОДАЛНИЯ ГЛАГОЛ CAN

USE	PRESENT	FUTURE	PAST
Ability Способност	He can speak Japanese. She's able to make people laugh.	He will be able to speak Japanese when he finishes learning it.	He could/was able to speak Japanese. (repeated action - ability in the past) We were able to go on a three-month tour of Australia. (single action)
Possibility Вероятност	He can still be at work. (90% certain) She could be angry. (50% certain; = It's possible she is angry) Sally may be teaching. (50% certain; = It's possible that she is teaching) You might need to come. (40% certain; = Perhaps you need to come) – може да се използва за сегашно и бъдеще време It is likely that Sue will give up working. Sue is likely to give up working.	You may/might need to come tomorrow . (50%-40% certain; = Perhaps you need to come tomorrow) – може да се използва за сегашно и бъдеще време	It was likely that she had taken the last train. She was likely to have taken the last train.
Permission Позволение	You can/can't have a party. (giving or refusing permission; informal) Could I be excused? (more polite; asking for permission) You may be excused. (formal; giving permission) Might I bring a friend to the wedding? (more formal; asking for permission) Guests may not smoke in their rooms. (formal; refusing permission - written notice) Visitors are not allowed to enter. (formal; giving permission)	You won't be allowed to enter, if you are late.	He wasn't allowed to/couldn't board the plane. He was allowed to see the patient. (not - could)
Advice Съвет	You should try to make more of an effort. (general advice; I advise you) You ought to keep to the speed limit. (I advise you; most people believe this) You had better not keep her waiting. (It's not a good idea; advice on a specific situation) Shall I apply for the job? (asking for advice)		
Requests Молба	Can I use your phone? (informal) Could I use your phone? (polite) May I make a phone call, please? (formal) Might I borrow your pen? (very formal) Will you give me a hand? (very friendly) Would you mind helping me? (polite)		