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CHAPTER 12

Modals, Part 1: Expressing Ability

♦ PRACTICE 1. CAN. (Chart 12-1)

Directions: Create your own chart by completing each sentence with the correct form of can + speak.

1. I	<u>can speak</u>	some English.
2. You		some English.
3. He		some English.
4. She		some English.
5. We		some English.
6. They		some English.
7. Tim and I		some English.
8. You and your friend		some English.
9. My teacher		some English.
10. The Yangs		some English.
11. Mrs. Vu		some English.

♦ PRACTICE 2. CAN/CAN'T. (Chart 12-1)

Directions: Circle the correct answer in each sentence.

- 1. Dogs can't swim.
- 2. Dogs can, can't climb trees.
- 3. Cars can, can't fly.
- 4. Machines can, can't talk.
- 5. People can, can't solve problems.
- 6. Animals can, can't communicate with other animals.

♦ PRACTICE 3. CAN/CAN'T. (Chart 12-1)

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Directions: Make sentences about what you and other people can and can't do. Use words from the list or your own words.

run fast read Chinese characters	play the guitar do algebra	fly an airplane sail a sailboat	repair a computer speak two languages fluently
1. I	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
2. I			
3. I			
4. My best friend			
5. My best friend			
6. My (a person in your f	amily)		
7. My (a person in your fo	amily)		
8. My teacher			

♦ PRACTICE 4. CAN/CAN'T. (Charts 12-1 and 12-3)

Directions: Make questions and answers using the given information.

	MIA	GEORGE	PAUL	EVA
drive a car	yes	yes	no	no
play the piano	no	yes	yes	yes
repair a bike	yes	no	yes	no
swim	yes	yes	yes	yes



1.	Mia \ drive a car
	Can Mia drive a car? Yes, she can.
2.	George and Eva \ play the piano
3.	George \ repair a bike
4.	Paul \ play the piano

5. Mia, George, Paul \ swim	5. Mia, George, Paul \ swim			
6. Paul and Eva \ drive a car				
Make questions and answers about yourself.				
7. you \ play the piano				
8. you\swim				
9. you \ repair a bike				
 ◇ PRACTICE 5. CAN/CAN'T. (Charts 12-1 and 12-Directions: Read the want ad and look at Johnstein using the given information. Use can or cally a series of can be person with the following: good typing and word-processing skills, excellent knowledge of English, friendly manner on the phone. Also needs to help guests with their suitcases and be available weekends. HOTEL MANAGER'S QUESTIONS 1. Can you type?	n's skills. Write interview questions and answers			
2.				
◇ PRACTICE 6. KNOW HOW TO. (Chart 12-4) Directions: Rewrite the sentences using known	w how to.			
1. Toni can make pizza.				
Toni knows how to make pizza.				
2. Martha can play chess.				

3.	Sonya and Thomas can speak Portuguese.
4.	Jack can't speak Russian.
5.	My brothers can't cook.
6.	I can't change a flat tire.
7.	flat tire We can't play musical instruments.
8.	Can you type?
9.	Can your children swim?
10.	Can Ari use a digital camera?
Dir	7. KNOW HOW TO. (Chart 12-4) rections: Write sentences about what you and others know how to do or don't know to do. Use the words from the list or your own words.
	make candy do word processing sew clothes cook rice use chopsticks milk a cow do advanced math knit drive a stick-shift car dance
1.	stick shift

3.	(name of your best friend)
4.	My best friend and I
5.	(name of a cousin)
6.	(name of a classmate)
7.	(name of a classmate)

♦ PRACTICE 8. COULD. (Chart 12-5)

Directions: Stefan and Heidi decided to live without electricity for one month. Write what they could and couldn't do for that month.

√watch TV	spend time together	use electric heat
cook over a fire	use a computer	have heat from a woodstove
read books	turn on the lights	play board games

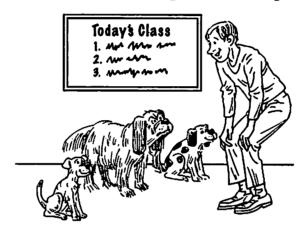


1	They couldn't watch TV.
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◇ PRACTICE 9. CAN/COULD.	(Charts 12-1 and 12-5)
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Directions: Choose the correct answer in each sentence.

- 1. Yesterday we can't, couldn't) go to the beach. It rained all day.
- 2. Please turn down the music! I can't, couldn't study.
- 3. Could, Can you speak English a few years ago?
- 4. I'm a fast typist. I can, could type 90 words-per-minute on my computer.
- 5. Sam could, can tell time when he was four years old.
- 6. Could, can you finish the math test yesterday?
- 7. Our neighbors can't, couldn't control their dog. She needs dog-obedience classes.



♦ PRACTICE 10. CAN/COULD. (Charts 12-1 and 12-5)

Directions: Two months ago, Arturo fell off his bike and broke his leg. He was in a cast for six weeks. Now he is okay. Write what he *couldn't* do two months ago and *can* do now. Use the appropriate phrases from the list.

✓ drive a car watch TV

talk on the phone play soccer

go swimming ride a bike

do homework listen to music



1.	Two months ago,	<u>he couldn't drive a car.</u>	Now,	he can drive a car.
2.	Two months ago,		Now,	
3.	Two months ago,		Now,	
4.	Two months ago,		Now.	

		D. (Charts 12-1 and 12 the sentences with <i>can</i> ,	•	³t.
	1. When I was a new	vborn baby, Icould	<i>ln't</i> walk.	
	2. When I was a new	vborn baby, I	talk.	
	3. When I entered k	indergarten, I	read and	write my language.
	4. A few years ago, l	[_ speak a lot of English.	
	5. Now I	read and	write some English.	
	6. I	understand na	tive English speakers wel	1.
	7. I	always underst	and my English teacher.	
◇ PRACT	ICE 12. BE ABLE TO. Directions: Make sent	tences with the present, p		
			ABLE TO (PAST)	•
	1. I can run.	<u>I am able to run.</u>	I was able to run.	I will be able to run.
	2. You can draw.			
	3. He can drive.	·		
	4. She can swim.	-		
	5. We can dance.			
	6. They can type.			
♦ PRACT		tences with the present a	•	
	1. When I was a new	wborn baby, I <u>wasr</u>	n't able to walk	. .
	2. When I was a new	wborn baby, I	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	talk.
	3. When I entered k	indergarten, I	read	and write my language.
	4. A few years ago,	I	speak a lot o	of English.
	5. Now I	reac	d and write some English	•
	6. I	understar	nd native English speaker	rs well now.
	7. I	understa	nd my English teacher al	the time.

◇ PRACTICE 14. BE ABLE TO. (Chart 12-6)

Directions: Rewrite the boldfaced verbs with the correct form of be able to.

wasn't able to speak

Five years ago, Chang was in Australia. He couldn't speak any English. He had a difficult time communicating. He couldn't ask questions. People couldn't give him directions. Many times he got lost. He couldn't visit tourist sites he was interested in.

He was frustrated because he couldn't have conversations with people.

So Chang decided to study English. Four years later, he went back to Australia.

He was surprised he **could understand** so much. People **could have** long conversations 7 with him. He **could learn** about local customs. He **could visit** interesting tourist areas.

This time Chang had a great trip. Learning English made a big difference.



◇ PRACTICE 15. BE ABLE TO. (Chart 12-6)

Directions: Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the given sentence.

- 1. James can run very fast.
 - a. He will be able to run very fast.
 - (b.) He is able to run very fast.
 - c. He was able to run very fast.
- 2. I will be able to have dinner with you.
 - a. I can have dinner with you.
 - b. I could have dinner with you.
 - c. I was able to have dinner with you.
- 3. Jean couldn't finish her science project.
 - a. She isn't able to finish her science project.
 - b. She wasn't able to finish her science project.
 - c. She won't be able to finish her science project.
- 4. My roommate wasn't able to come to the party.
 - a. He won't be able to come to the party.
 - b. He can't come to the party.
 - c. He couldn't come to the party.

- 5. I can't help you later.
 - a. I wasn't able to help you.
 - b. I couldn't help you.
 - c. I won't be able to help you.

\Diamond	PRACTICE	16.	VERY	/TOO. ((Chart	12-7)
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Directions: Complete the sentences with very or too.

- 1. This leather coat is ______ too ____ expensive. I can't buy it.
- 2. The tea is _____ hot, but I can drink it.
- 3. The clothing store is _____ big. There's a good selection.
- 4. The neighbors are ______ noisy. I want them to move.
- 5. The Arctic Circle is _____ cold. I don't want to travel there.
- 6. These pants are _____ short. I'm not going to buy them.
- 7. My teacher talks _____ fast. It's good practice for me.
- 8. This car is _____ small. It won't use a lot of gas.

◇ PRACTICE 17. VERY/TOO. (Chart 12-7)

Directions: Choose the best completion for each sentence.

- 1. Do you like this book?
 - (A.) Yes, it's very interesting.
- B. Yes, it's too interesting.

- 2. I can't watch this movie.
 - A. It's too violent.

- B. It's very violent.
- 3. You had no mistakes on your math test.
 - A. Your knowledge of math is too good.
- B. Your knowledge of math is very good.
- 4. We can do these math problems.
 - A. They're too easy.

B. They're very easy.

- 5. This dress is too tight.
 - A. I can't wear it.

B. I can wear it.

- 6. This puzzle looks very tricky.
 - A. Let's see if we can figure it out.
- B. It will be impossible to do.

- 7. Thomas is too friendly.
 - A. I feel comfortable around him.
- B. I feel uncomfortable around him.

- 8. Let's buy this mattress.
 - A. It's very comfortable.

B. It's too comfortable.

	18. VERY/TOO. (Chart 12-7) Sections: Write answers to the questions.
1.	What school subjects are very hard for you?
2.	What school subjects are too hard for you?
3.	What foods do you think are very spicy?
4.	What foods are too spicy for you?
5.	What cities have climates that are too hot for you?
6.	What cities have climates that are too cold for you?
Di	E 19. TWO/TOO/TO. (Chart 12-8) rections: Complete the sentences with two, too, or to.
	I havetwo children. Let's go the mall.
	I can't hear the phone ring. The TV is loud. The radio is loud
	I spoke with Alex. Did you talk Alex?
	Where do you want go? the beach? the park?
6.	Jenny is 10 years old. She is young for makeup. Her friends are
7.	dogs followed me school today.
8.	Some dogs followed me
	E 20. TWO/TOO/TO. (Chart 12-8) rections: Complete the sentences with two, too, or to.
	My husband and I havetwo daughters.
ፐት	ev are quite different. My older daughter is very friendly

She likes	meet people and make new friends. She loves	talk
	talk te with her friends. Some parents think she is talk	3
	unger daughter is shy. She likes spend time reading	
with her pets	s. She has a small zoo at our house. She has cats	s, some rabbits,
	fish, and even a horse.	
Fortuna	ately, my daughters enjoy each other. They loves	pend time with
each other, a	and they're best friends	
♦ PRACTICE 21. AT/I Directions: C	IN. (Chart 12-9) Complete the sentences with <i>at</i> or <i>in</i> .	
Last week, B	Ben was	
	home.	
2	school for a meeting.	
3	work.	
4	the bedroom.	
	bed.	
	the hospital visiting a friend.	
	the post office.	
	class.	
9	his hometown of Mountain View.	
	hone with someone jail.	
♦ PRACTICE 22. AT/I Directions: C	IN. (Chart 12-9) Complete the sentences about the Johnson family. Use <i>in</i> or <i>at</i> .	
It's 10:00 A.	M. Where is everyone?	
1. Mr. John	nson isin his officeat work.	
2. Mrs. John	nson is the library with her first grade class.	
3. Joe is	class school.	
4. Beth is si	ick home bed.	
5. Rita is or	n vacation Hawaii.	
6. Bob is	work. He is working a bookstore.	
7. Grandma	a Johnson is the hospital. She is very sick.	

	Directions: Choose the corre	ect completions.		
	1 play a musical i	nstrument? B. Can you	C. Do you be able to	D. Can you to
	2. I my homework A. couldn't to finish	s. I was too tired. B. could finish	C. couldn't finish	D. couldn't finished
	3. I don't know how	to the Palace Hote B. get	el from here. C. getting	D. to get
	_		•	D. to get
	4. Gina understar A. couldn't		C. won't be able to	D. can't
	5. My uncle can't A. to speak		C. speaks	D. speak
	6. Rosa works for a comp	uter company	_ Taipei.	
	A. on		C. in	D. to
	7. The library has aA. too	comfortable readi B. two		of time there. D. to
	8. The thief is pri	son for five years. B. in	C. to	D. on
♦ PRAC	TICE 24. Verb review. Directions: Complete the se verb form.	entences. Use the wo	ords in parentheses. Us	se any appropriate
	Once upon a time there	(be) <u>was</u>	a mouse nam	ned Young Mouse. He
	lived near a river with his fa			
	They (hunt) hunted	for food a	and (take)	care of their
	mouse holes. In the evening	they (listen)	to stor	ries around a fire.
	Young Mouse especially like			
		about the Far Away L	and. It sounded wonderfi	ul. One day he (decide)

____ to go there.

♦ PRACTICE 23. Chapter review.

YOUNG MOUSE: Goodbye, Old Mouse. I'm
leaving now.
OLD MOUSE: Why (you, leave) ? Where
(you, go)?
YOUNG MOUSE: I (go) to a new and different place. I (go)
to the Far Away Land.
OLD MOUSE: Why (you, want) then
YOUNG MOUSE: I (want) (experience)
all of life. I (need) (learn) about
everything.
OLD MOUSE: You (can learn) many things if you (stay)
here with us. Please (stay) here
with us.
YOUNG MOUSE: No, I (can stay, not) here by the river for the rest
of my life. There (be) too much to learn about in the world. must go to the Far Away Land.
OLD MOUSE: The trip to the Far Away Land is a long and dangerous journey. You (have)
many problems before you (get)
there. You (face) many dangers.
YOUNG MOUSE: I understand that, but I need to find out about the Far Away Land.
Goodbye, Old Mouse. Goodbye, everyone! I (may see, never)
any of you again, but I (try) to return from the Far Away Lar
someday. Goodbye!
So Young Mouse left to fulfill his dream of going to the Far Away Land. His first problem watthe river. At the river, he met a frog.
MAGIC FROG: Hello, Young Mouse. I'm Magic Frog. (you, have)
a problem right now?
YOUNG MOUSE: Yes. How (I, can cross) this river? I (know, not)
how to swim. If I (can cross, not) th

river, I (be, not) able to reach the Far Away Land.

MAGIC FROG: I (help)	you to cross the river. I (give)
	you the power of my legs so you (can jump)
33	
34	across the river. I (give, also)
you a new name. Your ne	w name will be Jumping Mouse.
JUMPING MOUSE: Thank you	, Magic Frog.
MAGIC FROG: You are a brave	mouse, Jumping Mouse,
and you have a good hear	t. If you (lose, not)
36	hope, you (reach)
	the Far Away Land.
With his powerful new legs,	Jumping Mouse jumped
across the river. He traveled fast	
grassland. One day he met a bu	ffalo. The buffalo was lying on the ground.
JUMPING MOUSE: Hello, Buf	falo. My name is Jumping Mouse. Why (you, lie*)
38	on the ground? (you, be) ill?
	I (drink)
	40 41
some poisoned water, and	now I (be) blind. I (die)
43	30011 Decause 1 (can jina, not) 1000
and water without my eye	S.
JUMPING MOUSE: When I sta	rted my journey, Magic Frog (give)
me her powerful legs so I	could jump across the river. What (I, can give)
46	you to help you? I know! I (give)
10	ee to find food and water.
BUFFALO: Are you really goin	g to do that? Jumping Mouse, you are very kind! Ah! Yes, I
(can see)	again. Thank you! But now you (can see, not)
	. How (you, find) the Far Away
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^{*}The -ing form of lie is spelled lying.

Land? I know. (jump)	onto my back. I (carry)
you across this	s land to the foot of the mountain.
JUMPING MOUSE: Thank you, Buffalo.	
So Jumping Mouse found a way to reach to Jumping Mouse and Buffalo parted.	he mountain. When they reached the mountain,
BUFFALO: I don't live in the mountains, so I	(can go, not) any
farther.	
JUMPING MOUSE: What (I, do)	? I (have) 55
powerful legs, but I can't see.	4 55
BUFFALO: (keep)	your hope alive. You (find)
a way to reach the Far Away Land.	57
Jumping Mouse was very afraid. He didn'	t know what to do. Suddenly he heard a wolf.
JUMPING MOUSE: Hello? Wolf? I (can see, n	you, but I
(can hear) you	58 I.
WOLF: Yes, Jumping Mouse. I'm here, but I	
because I (die*)	
JUMPING MOUSE: What's wrong? Why (you	, die)?
WOLF: I (lose) my	sense of smell many weeks ago, so now I
(can find, not)f	ood. I (starve) to death
JUMPING MOUSE: Oh, Wolf, I (can help)	you. I (give)
you my ability	y to smell.
WOLF: Oh, thank you, Jumping Mouse. Yes,	I (can smell) again.
Now I'll be able to find food. That is a	wonderful gift! How (I, can help)
you?	
	to get to the Far Away Land. I (need)
(go)	to the top of the mountain.
	r here. I (put) you on
my back and (take)	you to the top of the mountain.
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^{*}The -ing form of die is spelled dying.

So Wolf carried Jumping Mouse to the top of the mountain. But then Wolf left. Jumping
Mouse was all alone. He (can see, not) and he (can smell, not)
but he still had powerful legs. He almost (lose)
hope. Then suddenly, he (hear) Magic Frog.
JUMPING MOUSE: Is that you, Magic Frog? Please (help) me. I'm
all alone and afraid.
MAGIC FROG: (cry, not), Jumping Mouse. You have a generous,
open heart. You (be, not) selfish. You help others. Your
unselfishness caused you suffering during your journey, but you (lose, never)
hope. Now you are in the Far Away Land. (jump)
, Jumping Mouse. (use) your
powerful legs to jump high in the air. Jump! Jump!
Jumping Mouse jumped as high as he could, up, up, up. He reached his arms out to his sides and started to fly. He felt strong and powerful. JUMPING MOUSE: I can fly! I can fly! I (fly)! MAGIC FROG: Jumping Mouse, I am going to give you a new name. Now your name is Eagle!
So Jumping Mouse became the powerful Eagle and fulfilled his dream of reaching the Far Away Land and experiencing all that life has to offer.*

^{*}This fable is based on a Native American story and has been adapted from *The Story of Jumping Mouse* by John Steptoe; Lothrop, Lee & Shepard books, 1984.