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## Modal Auxiliary Verbs

**Part I:** Answer the following questions. Be sure to use the modal verb from the question in your answers.

**Example:** Can you ride a bicycle?

Yes, I **can** ride a bicycle.

No, I **can't** ride a bicycle.

1. Can you use chopsticks?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Can you climb a fire pole?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who can speak another language?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Who can play an instrument?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Name one thing you could not do when you were four years old.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Name one thing you could do when you were four years old.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Part II:** *Select the modal verb that correctly completes each sentence below. In some cases, there may be more than one possibility, but choose the one you think is best.*

1. The dark storm clouds in the distance are coming closer and closer. It \_\_\_\_\_ rain soon.

\_\_\_\_\_ won't

\_\_\_\_\_ will

\_\_\_\_\_ might

2. Janet did not get enough sleep last night. She \_\_\_\_\_ be a little grouchy today.

\_\_\_\_\_ may

\_\_\_\_\_ will

\_\_\_\_\_ can

3. If the baby is hungry, he \_\_\_\_\_ cry.

\_\_\_\_\_ won't

\_\_\_\_\_ will

\_\_\_\_\_ can

4. Drinking more water \_\_\_\_\_ help you get over a cold faster.

\_\_\_\_\_ can't

\_\_\_\_\_ may

\_\_\_\_\_ will

5. The Sons of Liberty decided they \_\_\_\_\_ boycott British tea because of unfair taxes.

\_\_\_\_\_ might

\_\_\_\_\_ may

\_\_\_\_\_ will

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6. Without the help of French troops, the Continental Army \_\_\_\_\_ have won the war.

\_\_\_\_\_ can

\_\_\_\_\_ might

\_\_\_\_\_ couldn't

7. Having a well-trained army \_\_\_\_\_ help them win the battle.

\_\_\_\_\_ can't

\_\_\_\_\_ won't

\_\_\_\_\_ could