

TALKING ABOUT ABILITY

CAN-COULD/TO BE ABLE TO

1) **CAN: Şu anki becerilerimiz.**

- Necmi can speak English fluently.
- Ayşenur can read and write in French.

2) **COULD: Geçmiş becerilerimiz ya da geçmişte başlamış becerilerimiz.**

- They could walk when they were one year old.
- She could sing when she was a child.
- They could run five kilometers in one hour when they were younger.
- They could climb trees when they were children.

3) **TO BE ABLE TO (Hem geçmiş, hem şu anki, hem de gelecekteki yeterliliklerden bahsederken).**

PAST ABILITY

- Nuran tried hard yesterday and she **was** able to reach her mother at the end.
- Necmi worked all day to finish the project yesterday, and at the end he **was** able to finish it before midnight.

MANAGED TO

PRESENT ABILITY

- Talha is able to write good essays in English.
- Arda and Ömer are able to run fast.

FUTURE ABILITY

- When she graduates from high school, Rana will be able to speak as fluently as a BBC speaker.
- Talha will be able to solve difficult math problems when he finishes this course.

TALKING ABOUT POSSIBILITY

CAN, COULD, MAY, MIGHT

PRESENT

- I can visit my dentist tomorrow.
- I could visit my dentist tomorrow.
- I may visit my dentist tomorrow.
- I might visit my dentist tomorrow.

- They may come early today.
- She might call us before leaving.

LOGICAL ASSUMPTION

- A: Where is Ahmet?
- B: He must be in the library. He has a project to submit in one week.

PAST POSSIBILITY

- A: Where is Ahmet?
- I don't know but he may have gone home.

- A: I cannot find my book.
- B: You could have left it at home.

- A: Necmi was not at school yesterday.
- B: He must have gone to the hospital because he was ill.

ADVISE

SHOULD-UGHT TO-HAD BETTER

- You should study hard.
- You ought to study hard.
- You had better study hard or the teacher will warn you.

PAST ADVISE

- Today, you failed the exam. You should have studied harder yesterday.
- You had an accident with your bicycle. You ought to have been more careful.

OBLIGATION

PRESENT

- I must study.
- You have to obey the school rules.

PAST

- Necmi had to wait for his friends at the end of the school day.