

# Modal Verb Monday

COULD

**Ability**  
(past)

Jim **could** play piano when he was 6.  
I **could** play tennis when I was a kid.

**Suggestion**

You **could** try exercising more.  
We **could** take a taxi.

**Request**  
(more polite)

Could I please have the check?  
Could you give me a hand?

**Permission**  
(more polite)

Could I take the exam tomorrow?  
Could I take Friday off?

**Possibility**  
(past)

He **could** have gotten lost.  
You **could** have called first.