



## ANSWERS

### can

express ability, willingness, permission, or possibility

vs.

### could

It can replace can with a more conditional tone; past tense of can; suggest that something is a possibility.

### may

permission or possibility

vs.

### might

smaller possibility

### will

volunteering to do something in the future or deciding at the time of speaking to do something in the future.

vs.

### would

functions as the past tense of will; it functions as the conditional mood of will; used to be polite

### ought to

expresses the ideal best action; formal and obligatory

vs.

### had better

expresses the idea best action; less formal

### should

express the ideal (best) action which happens in the past, present, or future

vs.

### shall

expresses a future action that is an order or prophecy