

Permission and ability – can, could, be able to. Jak mówić o pozwoleniu i umiejętnościach?

Ability (umiejętność)

Present:

I **can play** the guitar.

Tom and Jonh **can't play** football.

Can you dance? Yes, I **can**. / No, I **can't**.

“**be able to**” – *móc, być w stanie*, często może zastąpić „**can**”

Porównajcie zdania:

Mary **can run** fast, but she **cannot (can't)** jump high.

Mary **is able to run** fast, but she **isn't able to jump** high.

Past:

I **could ride** a bike when I was 5 years old.

He **couldn't swim** when he was younger.

Could you **speak** English at the age of 7? Yes, I **could**. / No, I **couldn't**.

Future:

Sarah **will be able to program** computers when she finishes her IT course.

She **won't be able to program** computers if she doesn't finish it.

Will you **be able to phone** me tomorrow? Yes, I **will**. / No, I **won't**.

Permission (pozwolenie)

Present:

Can I go to the toilet? Yes, you **can**. / No, you **can't**.

lub grzeczniej:

May I go to the toilet?

You **can't drink** alcohol if you are under 18.

Past:

I **couldn't go** to the disco when I was 10 years old.

Future:

- **Will** you **be able to visit** me tomorrow?
- I'm not sure. I'll ask my mum.

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