

**The word can and may are often confused, but they mean different things. Be sure to use the word whose meaning fits what you're trying to say.**

- *can* means "able to"

Stefan **can** jump very far.

- *may* means "allowed to"

"You **may** try out for the team," Coach said.

**Write can and may to complete each sentence correctly.**

1. "How far \_\_\_\_\_ he jump?" Davey asked Coach Graham.
2. "\_\_\_\_\_ he jump as far as Jennifer?" asked Davey.
3. "He \_\_\_\_\_ jump almost six and one-half feet," Coach responded.
4. "Wow! \_\_\_\_\_ I watch him practice today?" Davey asked.
5. "You \_\_\_\_\_ if you're very quiet," Coach said.
6. "I \_\_\_\_\_ be so quiet he won't know I'm here," Davey promised.
7. Coach thinks Stefan \_\_\_\_\_ definitely break the broad jump record.
8. Stefan's mother said he \_\_\_\_\_ practice every day if it doesn't hurt his grades.

**Write two sentences using the words in parentheses.**

9. (can) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. (may) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.**

1. If he pries up the garage door, he (can, may) be able to crawl under it.
2. (Can, May) I have more than my usual allotment of candy this week?
3. A driver who is negligent (can, may) end up causing an accident.
4. It's strange indeed how memories (can, may) lie dormant in a man's mind for so many years.
5. The disease (can, may) affect the heart.
6. We (can, may) be able to dovetail our activities with theirs if we all plan ahead.
7. Millie (can, may) spell better than anyone in our class.
8. Who (can, may) say the Pledge of Allegiance?
9. The fishing (can, may) be better downstream.
10. The lack of rain (can, may) affect the pecan trees.