

Grammar

Modals for expressing politeness. "could" and "would"

Would

We use would like to say politely what we want, especially when making offers and requests:
Modal "Would" + subject + main verb + complement +?
Would you like to practice skating?

Subject + modal "would" + main verb
I would like talk to you.

Could

Subject + modal "could" + main verb
Could is used in polite suggestions.

Example:

You could practice a different sport.

Modal "Could" + subject + main verb + complement +?

Could is used to ask a polite question

Examples:

Could you train rollers skating with me?

Could I put on my roller skates?

Could you teach me those techniques?



Grammar

Basic verb tenses usage in short stories.

Simple past tense

It is used to express an action that was completed in the past.

Subject + Verb in the past form (base form of the verb + ed/d for regular verbs)

Example:

He decided to ask for the Devil's help.

The devil offered to end the church

Subject + Verb in the past form (irregular verb)

Cantuña had to build San Francisco church.

Cantuña gave his soul as payment.



Grammar

Basic verb tenses

Simple present tense

It is used to show repetition, habit or generalization.

Subject (I/You/We/They) + the base form of the verb

Example:

We need to write a list.

I think we need eggs as well.

Subject (He/She/It) + the base form + s/ es/ ies

My mom cooks the dinner every day.

She goes to the supermarket every week.



Grammar

Persuasive language structures.

Persuasive writing is a text in which the author tries to convince the reader of their point of view.

Example:

I think you should have one too.

It would be horrible if my plants die...

Despite all my fears, I believe I can do it with your help.



Grammar

Using formal language for academic purposes.

Formal language does not use colloquialisms, contractions or first-person pronouns such as "I" or "We". Formal language for academic purposes cites the author of a study.

Example:

There are many academic papers that explain how the increase in temperature would make life impossible in some cities.

The author says, "All people, rich or poor, should pay the same taxes to the government" (p. ##).

