

Irregular verb possum – I am able

possum, posse, potui, none- be able

Present singular	plural
possum- I am able	possumus – we are able
potes – you are able	potestis - you are able
potest – he, she, it, noun is able	possunt- they, noun are able

Imperfect singular	plural
poteram- I was able	poteramus – we were able
poteras – you were able	poteratis – you were able
poterat – he (etc.) was able	poterant – they (etc.) were able

Future singular	plural
potero – I will be able	poterimus – we will be able
poteris – you will be able	poteritis – you will be able
poterit – she (etc.) will be able	poterunt – they (etc.) will be able

The perfect and pluperfect and future perfect follow the same steps as ALL regular verbs

Perfect active - <i>have or has been able</i>	
1. 3 rd principal part	-i -imus
2. drop the -i	-isti -istis
3. add	-it -erunt

Pluperfect active - <i>had been able</i>	
1. 3 rd principal part	-eram -eramus
2. drop the -i	-eras -eratis
3. add	-erat -erant

Future Perfect active <i>will have been able</i>	
1. 3 rd principal part	-ero -erimus
2. drop the -i	-eris -eritis
3. add	-erit -erint

The verb *possum* is often used with a **complementary infinitive**

This is often the present, active infinitive or what you know as the 2nd principal part of the verb.

It is called complementary because it completes the idea in the sentence.

Examples:

Tuus frater *legere* potest – your brother is able *to read* **complementary infinitive**

Discedere poterimus – we will be able *to leave*

Mea familia *manere* poterat – my family was able *to stay*