[助動詞]

推量： He *must* be American.

(かもしれない) (はずがない) (はずだ) (だろう) (ちがいない)
might<may<could<can(not)<should<ought to<would<will<must

許可 能力 可能 **当然** (決めた)**意志 予想** (内的)**義務** (外的)**義務：** have to
I *have to* visit Kyoto since he asked me to.
I must visit Kyoto since it's been my dream for years.

be able to　　be going to

不必要： don't have to / don't need to

禁止： must not

(以前から決まってた)**予定**

① 予想 will= be going to
It will/*is going to* rain tonight.
② 今決めた意志 will
I'll check this letter for you, if you want.
③ 決めてる予定 be going to
I*'m going to* buy a new car this year.

過去の推量： He *must have been* American.
He *should have gone* with her.

過去の後悔、非難： He *should have gone* with her.

過去の習慣： used to, would (often)
I *used to* go skiing every Sunday in winter.
I would go skiing every Sunday in winter when I was a child.
There *used to* be a large park near here.

忠告：
had better ：特定の場面で使われる、そのアドバイスに従わないと、問題や危険がおこる時 [had better (not)]
should ：どんな場面でも使える、単にした方が良いこと
It's very cold today. You*'d better* wear a coat when you go out.
The movie starts at 8:30. You*'d better* go now, or you'll be late.
It's a great movie. You should go (and) see it.

丁寧： will=can<would=could
Would you carry this for me? = *Could* you take a message?

慣用表現： Shall I dance ?　Shall we dance ? = Let's - = Why don't we - ?　(cf.) Why don't you - ?

[過去の能力の could]　(cf) **was able to** はいつでも OK
At last she ***was able to*** get her driver's license last summer.
↑
(過去のある特定の時に実際にできた=**顕在能力**) ← ***could*** はダメ

(1) 肯定文では、**潜在能力**のみ（過去のいつでも望むときにやろうと思えばできた）、**実際にできた**は使えない！
My grandfather ***could*** speak five languages. = My grandfather ***was able to*** speak ～
I ***could*** climb any tree in the forest when I was young. = I ***was able to*** climb ～
(2) 否定文では、すべて OK (**実際にできてない**から)
I ***couldn't*** write it last night because I was too busy.
I ***couldn't*** go to the party with her last Christmas.
(3)　肯定文でも OK：**知覚**(see, hear, feel など)・**認識**(understand, remember など) -**能力**ではなく**可能**性-
I ***could*** see him through the window then.
When the mist cleared, we ***could*** see Mount Fuji then.
I ***could*** understand what you said at that time.

(注) **現在の能力**：“can” “be able to” どちらも OK **実際に**行動してない。普通 “can”