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**Expressing Possibility:
may/could + verb**

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- Planting more and more trees **could** save our planet.



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Expressing Present Possibility

- You **may** make our city beautiful **now** by keeping it clean and planting more trees.

Expressing Future Possibility

- **In the future**, air pollution **may** kill more and more people.

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Present possibility or future possibility?

1. *In 2050* people *may use* electric vehicles only. **FP**
2. *Nowadays*, air pollution *may cause* more health problems.
3. *These days*, more animals *could disappear* because of deforestation.
4. *In the future*, the absence of rain *may cause* more severe droughts.
5. There *could be* a chance to save our planet *now*.