

possum, posse: to be able

posse is a verb that is often used with an infinitive to communicate what someone is able to do. For example:

*ego Latine dīcere **possum**.*

I am able to speak Latin.

Every irregular form of *posse* is a form of **esse** with **pos** or **pot** in front of it. To remember each form, here's a rhyme:

If the form of *sum* starts with **s**, add P O **S**.

If the form of *sum* starts with **e**, add P O **T**.

Present

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	pos sum	pos sumus
2nd	pot es	pot estis
3rd	pot est	pos sunt

I **am able**, you **are able**, etc.

Imperfect

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	pot eram	pot erāmus
2nd	pot erās	pot erātis
3rd	pot erat	pot erant

I **was able**, you **were able**, etc.

Future

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	pot erō	pot erimus
2nd	pot eris	pot eritis
3rd	pot erit	pot erunt

I **will be able**, you **will be able**, etc.