Classroom English – Exercises

Classify the following sentences in the sections below.
1. Could you step aside, please? I can’t see what you’ve written on the board.
2. Sorry, what did you say?
3. What does the word ... mean, please?
4. I’m sorry, I didn’t understand. Could you repeat the question, please?
5. May I draw the curtains, please? I can’t see what is written.
6. Can you speak up, please? I didn’t hear what you’ve just said.
7. Could you write it on the board, please?
8. Could you explain this word, please?
9. Sorry, what’s the English for ...?
10. What is the meaning of this word, please?
11. Sorry, what's the French for ...?
12. Could you repeat that, please?
13. Could you spell this word, please? I don't know how to write it.
14. How do you say ... in English?
15. Could you say that again, please?
16. Excuse me, what is the word after ... on the board?

When I listen
I want someone to repeat what he/she said:

When I read
I don’t understand an English word in a text:

When I speak
I don’t know how to say a word in English:

When I write
I can’t see what is written on the board:

Modal verbs

Highlight the modal verbs in the sentences above.

What modal verb(s) can you use to
– ask for permission = .................................................................
– express impossibility = .............................................................
– give a piece of advice = ............................................................
– talk about the future = .............................................................
– talk about the rules and obligations = ......................................

Traduire :
a-Pourriez-vous m’expliquer cette phrase ? Que signifie-t-elle ?
b-Tu devrais parler plus fort, nous ne t’entendons pas !
c-Puis-je ouvrir la fenêtre, s’il vous plaît ? Il fait trop chaud !
d-Pouvez-vous allumer la lumière ? Je ne vois rien au tableau.