

The Rio Grande

Although not the longest river in America, the Rio Grande is one of the most important. But, unlike other significant rivers, it is not used for shipping. In fact, oceangoing ships cannot navigate the waters. No, what makes the Rio Grande so important is its location. Since 1846, it has been the official border of Texas and Mexico.

Rio Grande Geography

The Rio Grande is either the fourth or fifth largest river system in North America. It all depends on how it is measured. Because the river **twists** so much, it occasionally changes

course. And these course shifts can cause it to be longer or shorter. At its last official measure, the Rio Grande clocked in at 7,896 miles. The river starts in Colorado and extends downward to the Gulf of Mexico. Downward is the best way of describing it too. Not only does the river extend south, but it also starts in the mountains and gets lower and lower in elevation as it extends to the Gulf.

Its name is Spanish for the "Big River", but the Rio Grande is actually known as Rio Bravo in Mexico. "Bravo" translates as "furious", so the name makes sense. Because of its **twists** and turns, it **certainly**

does seem to be angrier than most rivers!

The Rio Grande Today

The Rio Grande today is mostly used as a source of drinking water. Sadly, much of the water has been drained from the river. Parts of the river are almost dry! This is because people use more water from the river than the river can get back from rain and other sources. Experts are working to correct this, though, with hopes of restoring the river to its past strength.

Today, the river is important as a source of water for Texans and Mexicans. More important, it is a

symbol of cooperation between two nations. Though borders like the Rio Grande separate nations, they are also shared spaces. The Rio Grande is therefore a symbol of friendship and peace between two peoples.

Vocabulary

Although: A pesar de que

unlike: diferente a

since: ya que

either: ya sea

Twists: giros

course: curso

Shifts: turnos

shorter: más corto

measure: medida

Downward: hacia abajo

Wary: Cauteloso

Describing: Describiendo

Gets: Consigue

Lower: inferior

Makes: hace

sense: sentido

Certainly: ciertamente

Seem: parecer

angrier: más enojado

most: más

mostly: Principalmente

Sadly: Tristemente

drained: Agotado

Almost: Casi

Dry: Seco

get: obtener

Sources: Fuentes

Strength: Fuerza

Though: Aunque
shared: compartido
spaces: espacios

Questions

1. According to the passage, why is the Rio Grande so important?
R-B. It is the border of Texas and Mexico.

2. In paragraph 3, the author most likely writes that "downward" is the best way of describing it too.
R-C. highlight the fact that the Rio Grande flows south and from high elevations.

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3. Based on its use in paragraph 4, the word **Furious** most nearly means
R- A. angry

4. According to the passage, the Rio Grande has endpoints in

R-d. Colorado and the Gulf of Mexico

Modal verbs

Semantic values	Technical	Genes
MUST obligation/necessity	10.3	7.1
HAVE TO obl in the Past	0.0	4.3
NOT HAVE TO no obligation	0.0	0.7
MAY/MIGHT permission	0.6	5.7
MAY/MIGHT possibility	50.0	34.8
SHOULD obligation/necessity	27.8	3.5
WOULD prediction/probability	7.7	27.0
WOULD intention	0.0	17.3

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NEED TO necessity	10.3	2.8
UGHT TO obligation	0.0	2.8



- can
- could
- may
- might
- must
- will
- would
- should

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Homework

Modal verbs

- Shall
- Ought to

Activity

Complete using the modals verbs:

1. You may listen to the teacher.
(Probability) must/may

2. You mustn't park here. (Prohibited)
(mustn't / can't)

3. People don't have to waste food. (Obligation)
(don't have to / may not)

4. Might it snow tomorrow? (Probability)
(might / should)

5. I shall have a coffee, please?

(Invitations) should / shall

6. You should do more exercise. (Suggestion) should / must

7. You mustn't drink alcohol. (Prohibition) mustn't / shouldn't

8. You can play the guitar?

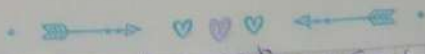
(Ability) can / shall

9. Would you like to go by train?

(Invitations) would / should

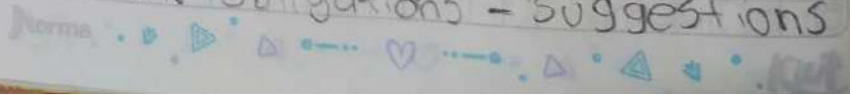
10. I may play tennis tomorrow.

(Possibility) may / must



Video - Modal verbs conversation

- Can I help you? - possibility
- Yes, of course, but you **should** wear an apron.
- First we **must** mix everything in order to obtain the dough - obligation
- Now we **must** roll the dough with the rolling pin - obligation
- **Can** I do it, please? - Probability
- **can** I slice the onion? - Probability
- No, you **shouldn't** - suggestions
- Because your eyes **may** start to burn and tears **may** run down your face. - Probability
- But you **can** cut the bacon - Ability
- You **must** be careful with the knife. And you **shouldn't** cut it so fast. - obligations - suggestions



• Now we **must** put it in the oven - obligations

• How long **should** we bake our pizza? - suggestions

• we **shouldn't** bake it for more than 75 minutes, it **could** get burned - suggestions - probability

• The pizza **must** be ready now.

Let's take a look. - obligations

• You **must** wash your hands before you eat - obligations

• Let's eat pizza now. You **must** be very hungry - obligations

• Grandma, **could** you pass me the ketchup, please? - permission

• **would** you like some more? - requests

• No, thanks, I **would** like an ice cream now. - invitations

- Let's go to the Park and have some ice cream, shall we? - invitations
- That sounds awesome, shall I take my bike, too? - invitations
- And shall I take my roller skates?
- Sure, you can take your bike and roller skates, too. - permission
- It's so great that you can roller skate, Michelle! - ability
- I wish I could do it, too! it must be terrific! - Probability - obligations
- Don't worry, I will teach you soon
- But you can ride your bike without training wheels now. that's great, too! - ability
- You should be content with that for now. - suggestions
- Look at these beautiful flowers

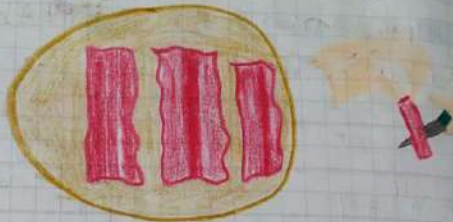
can I pick them, grandma? - Permission

- No, you **mustn't** pick the flowers. - Prohibitions
- **can** I drink water from this fountain? - Permission.

	Modal Verb may, might, could and can
Probability	
Ability	can and could
Permission	can, could and may could, would, can and will
Requests offers and invita- tions	can, shall, could and would you like
suggestions	should and could
obligations	must and have to
prohibitions	mustn't and don't have to

drawings

- but you can cut the bacon



- Let's eat pizza now you must be very hungry



• Grandma, could you pass me the ketchup, please?



• Look at these beautiful ^{flowers} can I pick them, grandma?



• And shall I take my roller skates?



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Modal Verbs

A: This conversation is not ordered. Put the conversation in order.

A: Hello, may I help you?

B: Hi, yes, please. What do you suggest for a rash?

A: You should try this lotion.

B: Ok, and could I have a box of pain medicine?

A: Here you are. Can I help you with anything else?

B: Yes, can you suggest something for a toothache?

A: Yes, I can. You should see a dentist.

