

All the auxiliary verbs except be, do and have are called modals. Unlike other auxiliary verbs modals only exist in their helping form; they cannot act alone as the main verb in a sentence. The modal verbs express modality, ability, possibility, need or another condition. We use them for the future and the conditional.

As complementary verbs that are, modal verbs do not work without another verb. This other verb always follows the modal verb and is in the base form (the infinitive without "to"). The modal verbs are not conjugated and they have no time.



SAMPLES



Possibility

It **may** rain.
It **may not** rain.
May it rain?
Yes, it **may**.
No, it **may not**.



Offers and invitations

I **would** like to go with you.
You **would not** like to go with me?
Would you like to go with me?
Yes, I **would**.
No, I **would not**.



Suggestion

Frank **should** smoke one a week.
Frank **shouldn't** smoke, she will sick even more.
Shouldn't Frank smoke, she will sick even more?
Yes, she **should**.
No, she **shouldn't**.



Ability

They **can** swim.
They **can't** swim.
Can they swim?
Yes, they **can**.
No, they **can't**.

1. You have to respect the school rules.
2. You haven't to respect the school rules.
3. Have you to respect the school rules?
4. Yes, I have.
5. No, I haven't.

Obligation

You **have to** respect the school rules.
You **haven't to** respect the school rules.
Have you to respect the school rules?
Yes, I **have**.
No, I **haven't**.



Permission and ability

Hans **could** skate when he was six years.
Hans **couldn't** skate when he was six years.
Could Hans skate when he was six years?
Yes, he **could**.
No, he **couldn't**.



Obligation and prohibition

We **must** recycle and take care our planet.
We **must not** waste the water.
Must we recycle and take care the planet?
Yes, we **must**.
No, we **must not**.



EXAMPLE

USES

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CAN	General ability. Request.	They can control their own budgets . We can't fix it. Can I smoke here? Can you help me?
COULD	General ability in the past. Request.	Could I borrow your dictionary? Could you say it again more slowly ? We could try to fix it ourselves. I think we could have another Gulf War . He gave up his old job so he could work for us.
MAY	Asking for permission Possibility.	May I have another cup of coffee? China may become a major economic power.
SHOULD	To give advice, a recommendation or a suggestion.	You really should go to the new restaurant on Main Street. I think you should study for the test so that you don't fail.
WOULD	Used as a polite invitation or to offer. Describe a prediction (hypothetical situations). To not sound impolite when disagreeing with someone.	Would you like to go to the movies with me tonight? It would be nice to have a barbecue . I wouldn't agree with that.
HAVE TO	Shows us that the obligation comes from somebody else. It's a law or a rule and the speaker can't change it.	We have to complete this activity by Friday. In Britain you have to buy a TV license every year.
MUST	Shows us that the obligation comes from the speaker. It isn't a law or a rule.	I must memorize all of these rules about modal verbs. I must call my dad tonight.



Match them.

- ¿Te gustaría bailar conmigo?
- Yo puedo ayudar a tu mamá.
- Carlos puede comer después.
- Debes ser buen hijo.
- Yo debería estudiar más.
- Ustedes deben llamar a la policía.
- Debes cumplir las reglas del colegio.

- A. I can help your mother.
- B. Carlos can eat later.
- C. I should study more.
- D. You have to abide the rules of the school
- E. You must be a good son
- F. You must call the police.
- G. Would you like to dance with me?

Pick the right Modals verb.

- I think you shouldn't wear that dress. It doesn't suit you. (don't have to - must- shouldn't)
- We didn't have to take our food to school. We went to the canteen. (had to - didn't have to - didn't)
- All children must fasten their seatbelts when travelling by car. (have to- should- must)
- You mustn't drink that. It's poison. (Must-should-mustn't)
- Would I stay and help you or you can do it alone? (Should- Must- Would)
- You can't be very rich to go skiing nowadays. (must not- have not-can not)
- I can't go out now. I must do my homework, my mummy tells me. (should - have to - must)
- You mustn't use your flash inside the Museum, it's forbidden. (wouldn't -must-mustn't)
- We have to be cautious. We shouldn't try and cross the river now. (have to- should- shouldn't)

Choose the right modals verb in brackets, and then answer the questions.

MY BEST FRIENDS LIFE

I have many friends. But only two best friends. They are fond of dancing. They can (must) dance very well. They always make a scene.

I will shortly tell you about one of them. She could (could/would) dance so well when she was little. She is 15 years old. She has danced for 10 years, but now she can't (shouldn't) do it. Because is not allowed to dance, because she has a problem with her legs.

The first time she danced. But then her legs started achin. Then she asked for advice to her mother. Her mother sent her to doctor. And request her to really go. When she came to doctor she showed him her legs. The doctor prescribed her tablets. The Alesja asked him for permission to dance.

Because she really needed to dance. The doctor said to her that that now she can't (wouldn't) dance but in the future she might dance.

Now she is okey and she can dance. The doctor gave her permission for that. We are very happy that the situation ended well.

1. How many friends does she have got? unspecified (many friends)
2. What can her best friends do? her best friends dance
3. Could she dance in this moment? no, she couldn't
4. Has she danced for twelve years? no, she hasn't danced for 12 years
5. Could she dance in the future? she could dance in the future

Imagine it is the year 3000. Describe how things are then.

- A. What people can/can't do; what they may wear.
- B. What education is like:
What students have/don't have to do, must/must not do, etc.
What teachers have/don't have to do, must/must not do, etc.
- C. The aspect of cities.
- D. Means of transport; cars, trains, planes, new means of transport (cars can fly)
- E. Jobs (workers have to...../don't have to; bosses have to./ don't have to.....). what offices or companies are like.
- F. What the weather may be like.
- G. Things that should be/shouldn't be different.

- A People can teleport
- D Cars can fly and teleport
- E Influencers is a new job
- F The weather is very hot
- G Respect and people's strength or living is presidential but with robots
- B cities have a skyscraper

MODAL VERBS

Semantic values:	Technical %	General %
Must obligation/necessity	10.3	7.1
Have to obligation	0.0	4.3
Not have to no obligation	0.0	0.7
May/might permission	0.0	5.7
may/might possibility	50.0	34.8
Should obligation/necessity	21.8	3.3
Would prediction/probability	7.7	27.0
Would intention	0.0	11.3
Need to necessity	10.3	2.8
Ought to obligation	0.0	2.8

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



Homework

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solution

9. have to

16. ought to

Complete verbs using the modal

1. You may listen to teacher
2. You mustn't park here
3. People don't have to waste food
4. might it snow tomorrow?
5. Small have a coffee please?
6. You should do more exercise
7. You mustn't drink alcohol
8. You can play the guitar
9. would you like to do gymnastics?
10. I may play tennis tomorrow

video

Can I help you? probability

Yes of course, but you should wear an apron suggestion

First we must mix everything in order to obtain the dough obligation

now we must root the deck with
the roland pin *Obliteration*

can I do it please? *prohibition*

can I slice the onion *prohibition*

no, you shouldn't *prohibition*

because your eyes may start to burn
and tears may run down your face *prohibition*

you can cut the bacon *permission*

you must be careful with the knife *oblivion*

and you shouldn't cut it so fast *prohibition*

now we must put in the oven *oblivion*

how long should we bake our pizza? *oblivion*

we shouldn't bake it for more than 15
minutes it could get burned *prohibition*

the pizza must be ready now *oblivion*

you must wash your hands before you eat *obligation*

you must be very hungry *obligation*

could you pass me the ketchup please? *request*

would you like so more? *offer*

I would like an ice cream now *offer*

shall we? *suggestion*

shall I take my bike, too? *offer*

and shall I take my roller skates *offer*

you can

that you can roller skate, Michelle! *permission*

I wish I could do it, too *request*

it must be terrific *admirable*

I will teacher can *request*

now you can ride your bike *permission*

you shall be content with that for
now *suggestion*

can i pick them, Grandma? *Permission*

no, you mustn't pick the flowers *Prohibition*

Can i drink water from this fountain

Permission
no, you shouldn't drink water from that
fountain *Prohibition*

you might get sick *Probability*

you can make a wish *Ability*

it might just come true *Probability*

will you buy me a chocolate ice cream *request*

i would like vanilla ice cream *request*

may i help you? *Permission*

I would like three single orders
 may I have a double cone, please?
 you shouldn't eat so much
 because you can get a sore throat
 what flavor would you like?
 I would like vanilla, chocolate and
 strawberry flavor
 you must, there's a prohibition
 you must turn into the
 you mustn't you may hurt
 and you may hurt
 you must wait for
 may I sit here?
 yes you may
 when we go home how many girls
 could we stop a little bit



that might be your mom probability
 She must be a woman objection