

Modals

Modals: - The modal verbs are used with other verbs to express ability, obligation, possibility, and so on:

Examples:

May I come in?

You can speak English.

Total number of Modals are 13:

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|---------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1. Can | 2. Could | 3. May | 4. Might |
| 5. Shall | 6. Should | 7. Will | 8. Would |
| 9. Must | 10. Dare | 11. Need | 12. Have to |
| 13. Ought to (not in use) | | | |

Can: - सकता है, सकती है, सकते हैं

1. Ability to do a job or work:

I can do this sum./ I can speak English.

2. Possession of specific power:

Only Principal can grant him leave.

3. Sanction:

You cannot leave the country.

4. Permission or request:

Can you do this?/ You can go now.

Could: - सकता था, सकती थी, सकते थे

1. Ability in past:

I could not stop him.

2. Request:

Could I use your mobile?

3. Suggestion:

You could wait or call again later.

May: - शायद, संभावना या अनुमान, अनुमति लेना या देना

1. Possibility:

He may be right.

2. Permission:

May I come in?

3. Prediction: (50%)

It may rain today.

4. Wish/Prayer:

May you live long!

Might: - शायद ही, बहुत कम संभावना

1. Possibility:

I might be late for the meeting.

2. Prediction: (10%)

Amit might score good marks this time.

3. Conditional:

If you had called me, I might have come.

Shall: - command, promise, threat, determination

1. Command:

I say she shall do it.

2. Promise:

Amit shall meet you at the station.

3. Suggestion:

Shall we leave now?

4. Threat:

He shall be punished for his rude behaviour.

Will: - willingness, promise, certainty, threat, determination

1. Determination:

We will win the match.

2. Promise:

I will stop smoking .

3. Threat:

I will teach him a lesson?

Should: - Advice, Suggestion, duty, obligation

1. Advice:

You should drive carefully.

2. Obligation:

You should switch off the lights when you leave the room.

3. Use with lest (ऐसा न हो की):

Run slow lest you should fall down.

Would: - wish, request, conditional, past form (will)

1. Wish:

I would like to have a cup of coffee.

2. Request:

Would you shut the door, please?

3. Past of will:

She said that he would call her back.

4. Conditional:

If I were you, I would have helped her.

Must: - strong obligation, certainty

The children must read well.

I must go home now.

She must obey my orders.

You must be about 30 years old.

(certainty)

Dare: - हिम्मत करना

You dare say that again.

I dare you to come alone.

How dare you talk to me?

They dare work here without my permission.

Need: - जरूरत होना

I need you.

You need not say that.

He need to learn manners.

They need to leave now.

Have to: - necessity or obligation

I have to study tonight.

They have to go to the meeting today.

Do I have to tell you everything?

Does she have to stay here?

Practice Exercise:

- 1. We..... pay taxes. (may, must)**
- 2. They.....go to school every day. (would, should)**
- 3.you speak in English? (need, can)**
- 4. I..... run very fast when I was young. (Should, could)**
- 5. Amit.....to pay his school fees. (need, should)**
- 6. All the employees..... follow the rules. (will, shall)**
- 7. Not all birds.....sing. (may, can)**
- 8. How..... you slap him? (need, dare)**
- 9. Had I met you before, I..... have married you. (could, would)**
- 10. To get a good job, you..... learn English. (should, might)**