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What are Modal Verbs?

- **Modal verbs** are special helping verbs that show the **mood, ability, possibility, necessity, permission, or obligation** of the action.
- They always come **before the main verb** in a sentence.

Common Modal Verbs and Their Uses

Modal Verb	Main Use	Example Sentence
can	ability or permission	I can run fast. / Can I go out?
could	past ability or polite request	Could you help me, please?
may	permission or possibility	You may leave early.
might	weak possibility	It might rain today.
shall	suggestion or future intent	Shall we start the meeting?
should	advice or duty	You should do your homework.
will	definite future action	I will call you tomorrow.
would	polite offer or conditional action	I would like some juice.
must	strong necessity or rule	You must wear a helmet.
ought to	moral duty	We ought to help the poor.

Remember:

- Modal verbs do not change with the subject.
- (We say He can swim ✓ not He cans swim ✗)
- They are always used with a base verb (no "to" after them).
- (She can dance, not She can to dance.)
- Modal verbs do not change with the subject.
- Some modals show strength of possibility: must > should > might
- They make sentences sound more natural and polite.

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 **Instruction:** Underline the modal verb in each sentence.

1. You must wear a seatbelt whenever you drive a car on the road.
2. We should finish our homework before watching television.
3. My brother can speak three different languages fluently.
4. The children may go outside after they complete their chores.
5. You could help your classmates if they don't understand the lesson.
6. The students will visit the science museum next Thursday.
7. You ought to listen carefully when the teacher is talking.
8. I might join the football team if I have enough time this year.
9. She can play the guitar and sing beautifully at the same time.
10. We shall start our project tomorrow morning after breakfast.
11. The doctor said I must drink plenty of water every day.
12. The children would love to go to the zoo this weekend.
13. You should apologize when you make a mistake.
14. They can finish the race if they run faster.
15. I might buy a new book from the store after school.
16. Everyone must follow the classroom rules without exceptions.
17. We could see stars shining brightly in the sky last night.
18. You may borrow my pen, but please return it after class.
19. He will study harder to improve his grades in English.
20. The passengers shall fasten their seat belts during takeoff.

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Instruction: Choose the correct modal verb from the box and fill in the blanks.

can could may might must shall should will would ought to

1. You _____ help your younger brother with his homework.
2. We _____ go for a walk if the weather is nice later.
3. You _____ not talk loudly in the library.
4. She _____ speak French when she was only seven years old.
5. The teacher said we _____ complete the assignment by Friday.
6. I _____ call you back after I reach home.
7. You _____ always respect your parents and teachers.
8. The driver _____ stop the car at the red light.
9. My friend _____ come to the party if he feels better.
10. We _____ be able to solve the problem together.
11. You _____ clean your room before going out to play.
12. They _____ travel to another country next year.
13. I _____ borrow your notebook for a day, please?
14. Everyone _____ wear a uniform in the school assembly.
15. The students _____ revise all the chapters before the test.
16. He _____ arrive early if there is no traffic.
17. You _____ be careful while using sharp tools.
18. She _____ help us with the decorations tomorrow.
19. I _____ go to the picnic, but I am not sure yet.
20. We _____ obey the rules made by our elders.

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 **Instruction:** Tick (✓) the correct answer.

- The sun _____ brightly in the sky.
(A) shine (B) shines
- My parents _____ breakfast early in the morning.
(A) eat (B) eats
- The dog _____ the ball across the yard.
(A) chase (B) chases
- We _____ to music when we study.
(A) listens (B) listen
- The teacher _____ the homework carefully.
(A) check (B) checks
- They _____ in the garden every weekend.
(A) play (B) plays
- The boy _____ to his grandmother's story.
(A) listen (B) listens
- I _____ my bicycle to school every day.
(A) ride (B) rides
- The birds _____ a nest on the tree.
(A) build (B) builds
- The girl _____ milk before she sleeps.
(A) drink (B) drinks
- The train _____ at the station on time.
(A) arrive (B) arrives

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 **Instruction:** Rewrite each sentence using the correct modal verb.

- You can not to park your car here.

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- He can sings very well.

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- We musts bring our notebooks to class.

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- She mights come tomorrow if she finishes her work.

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- You can to borrow my pen for a while.

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- They mays go on a trip next month.

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- He musts wear his uniform to school every day.

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- We cans help you with your science project.

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- You shoulds complete your homework on time.

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- I wills call you after dinner.

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- She coulds dance beautifully when she was young.

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- They mights join us later in the park.

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Instruction: Find and correct the wrong modal verb in each sentence.

- You must to wear your uniform at school.

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- He can sings a song for his friends.

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- They shoulds finish their work on time.

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- We musts respect our elders.

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- She mights help us with the project tomorrow.

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- You wills come with me to the market.

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- They coulds see the stars clearly at night.

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- The students shoulds bring their books every day.

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- You can't to talk loudly in the classroom.

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- He musts be tired after working all day.

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- I coulds lift this heavy box when I was younger.

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- She cans read faster than anyone in the class.

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