

Modals

Modals are used as auxiliary or supporting verb in a sentence. Present form of verb will be used after modals.

1. **Can**: Expresses ability or permission.

- **Ability**: "I can swim."
- **Permission**: "Can I go out to play?"

2. **Could**: Expresses past ability or polite requests.

- **Past ability**: "When I was young, I could climb trees."
- **Polite request**: "Could you help me with my homework?"

3. **May**: Expresses permission or possibility.

- **Permission**: "May I leave the room?"
- **Possibility**: "It may rain today."

4. **Might**: Expresses a small possibility.

- "She might come to the party."

5. **Must**: Expresses obligation or strong necessity.

- "You must finish your homework."

6. **Shall**: Expresses future action (mostly in questions and formal contexts).

- "Shall we go for a walk?"

7. **Should**: Expresses advice or suggestion.

- "You should eat more vegetables."

8. **Will**: Expresses future intention or promise.

- "I will help you with your project."

9. **Would**: Expresses polite requests or hypothetical situations.

- "Would you like some tea?"
- "If I were you, I would study harder."

Examples of Usage:

- ****Can****: "Can you please pass the salt?"
- ****Could****: "Could you tell me the way to the library?"
- ****May****: "May I borrow your pen?"
- ****Might****: "We might visit the zoo tomorrow."
- ****Must****: "You must wear your seatbelt in the car."
- ****Shall****: "Shall we start the meeting now?"
- ****Should****: "You should always tell the truth."
- ****Will****: "I will call you when I reach home."
- ****Would****: "Would you like to join us for dinner?"

Practice Exercises:

1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals:

- You ____ (can/may/must) eat your vegetables if you want to be healthy.
- ____ (Could/May/Would) you please close the door?
- We ____ (will/might/should) go to the park if it doesn't rain.

2. Rewrite the sentences using the modals given in brackets:

- She is able to sing beautifully. (can)
- It is possible that he is at home. (might)
- I suggest you study for your exams. (should)