

Must vs Have to

Must shows strong personal obligation. Example: You must obey your parents.

Have to shows rules. Example: Students have to wear uniform.

Degrees of Certainty

Must: She must be at home. (almost certain)

May/Might: She may be at home. (possible)

Can't: She can't be at home. (impossible)

Modal + Perfect Form

Must have: She must have missed the bus.

Should have: You should have studied.

Could have: He could have won the match.

Functions of Modals

Request: Could you help me?

Advice: You should eat healthy food.

Offer: Shall I help you?

Suggestion: We could go to the park.

Modals – Uses, Meanings & Formulas

Modal Verb	Formula	Example	Usage / Meaning
1. Can	Sub + can + V' + Obj	I can swim.	ability / permission / possibility
2. Could	Sub + could + V' + Obj	He could run fast when he was young.	<u>past ability</u> / polite request / possibility
3. May	Sub + may + V' + Obj	You may go now.	<u>permission</u> / possibility / wish
4. Might	Sub + might + V' + Obj	It might rain today.	weak possibility / uncertainty
5. Must	Sub + must + V' + Obj	You must obey your parents.	<u>necessity</u> / duty / certainty
6. Shall	Sub + shall + V' + Obj	We shall meet tomorrow.	future intention / suggestion
7. Should	Sub + should + V' + Obj	You should study daily.	advice / moral duty
8. Will	Sub + will + V' + Obj	She will come soon.	future / willingness
9. Would	Sub + would + V' + Obj	I would help you if I could.	polite offer / imagination
10. Ought to	Sub + ought to + V' + Obj	You ought to respect elders.	<u>moral duty</u> / strong advice
11. Need to	Sub + need to + V' + Obj	You need to practice more.	necessity
12. Dare	Sub + dare not + V'	He dare not speak to the teacher.	courage (formal)
13. Used to	Sub + used to + V' + Obj	He used to play cricket.	past habit
14. Have to / Has to	Sub + have/has to + V' + Obj	I have to go now.	obligation
15. Had better	Sub + had better + V'	You had better leave now.	<u>strong advice</u> / warning