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Modals are those helping verbs, which express the 'mode' or 'manner' of the actions indicated by the main verbs. They express ability, possibility, probability, permission, obligation, etc. The most commonly used modals are:

can	could
may	might
shall	should
will	would
must	ought to
dare	

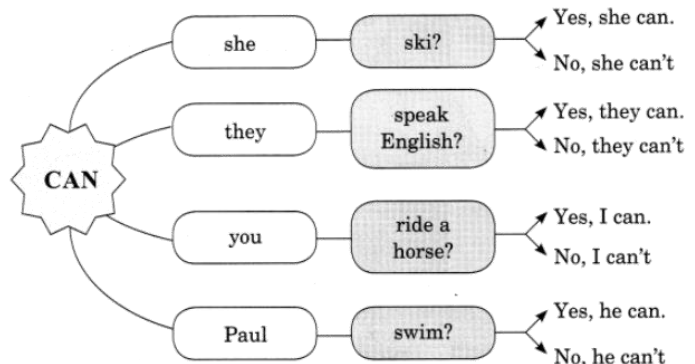


We use modals to show if we believe something is certain, possible or impossible:

Eg: My keys **must** be in the car.
It **might** rain tomorrow.
That **can't** be Peter's coat. It's too small.

We also use them to do things like talk about ability, ask permission, and make requests and offers:

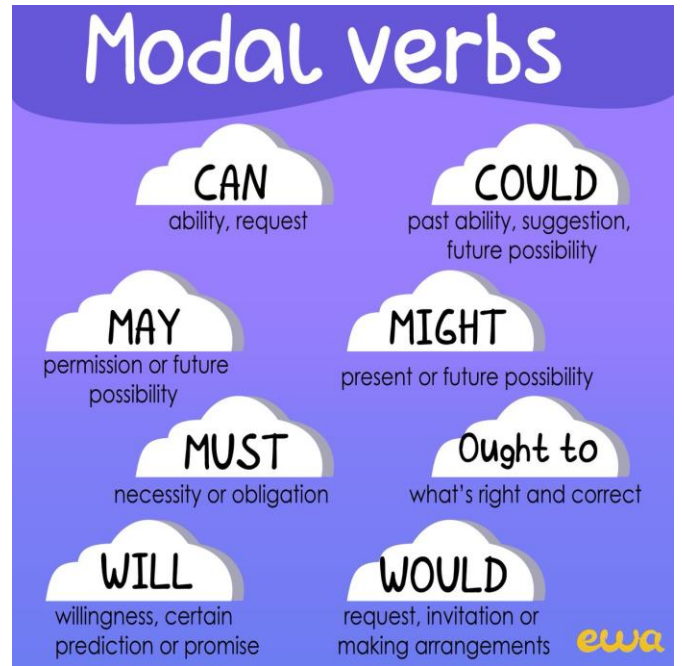
Eg: I **can't** swim.
May I ask a question?
Could I have some tea, please?
Would you like some help?



EXERCISE - 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct Modals of Obligation or Ability

1. We have a lot of work tomorrow. You _____ be late. (mustn't, don't have to, can't, couldn't)
2. We _____ get to the meeting on time yesterday, because the train was delayed by one hour. (couldn't, can't, mustn't, don't have to)
3. You _____ tell anyone what I just told you. It's a secret. (can't, must, mustn't)
4. You _____ cheat in the exam. (mustn't, may, must)
5. She's seven years old, but she _____ read yet. (can't, shouldn't, mustn't)



EXERCISE - 2

Choose the right modal verb

1. There are plenty of tomatoes in the fridge. You _____ (mustn't, needn't, may not, should not) buy any.
2. This is a hospital. You _____ (mustn't, needn't, may not, don't have to) smoke here.
3. Take an umbrella. It _____ (need, should, mustn't, might) rain later.
4. Drivers _____ (could, can, must, may) stop when the traffic lights are red.
5. I _____ (could, might, can, must) speak Arabic fluently when I was a child and we lived in Morocco. But after we moved back to Canada, I had very little exposure to the language and forgot almost everything I knew as a child. Now, I _____ (may, can, must, need) just say a few things in the language.
6. The teacher said we _____ (can, needn't, must, should) read this book for our own pleasure as it is optional. But we _____ (could, need, needn't, must) read it if we don't want to.
7. You _____ (shouldn't, needn't, may not, could not) leave small objects lying around. Such objects _____ (must, may, need, should) be swallowed by children.
8. You've got plenty of time. You _____ (couldn't, needn't, can't, mustn't) hurry.
9. There's a knock at the door. I'm expecting Paul. It _____ (may, must, can, need) be him.
10. _____ (can, should, may, might) you turn down the volume? – It's too loud.

EXERCISE - 3

Fill in the blanks using must, mustn't, needn't, should, shouldn't, might, dare, can, can't!

1. You really _____ go to the Louvre if you're in Paris. It's wonderful.
2. How did he _____ to strike me?
3. I don't know where Kelly is. She _____ be at the sister's house.
4. You have passed all your tests. You _____ be very pleased with yourself.
5. You _____ smoke in your car, especially if there are children sitting in the back.
6. You _____ work this evening. I have done the tasks for you.
7. John doesn't need a calculator. He _____ do sums in his head.
8. Passengers _____ open the door when the train is moving.
9. It _____ rain today. It's getting cloudy already.
10. You _____ pay for the tickets because I got them from Sam for free.

