

MODAL VERBS

Type	Modal Verbs	Examples
ABILITY	Can, Could	- David can speak three languages. - He could speak fluent French when he was 5.
PERMISSION	Can, Could, May	- Can I sit in that chair please? - Could I open the window? - May I borrow your dictionary?
ADVICE	Should	- You should visit your dentist at least twice a year. - You should try to lose weight.
OBLIGATION	Must, Have to	- I must memorize all of these rules about tenses. - You have to take off your shoes before you get into the mosque.
POSSIBILITY	Might, May, Could, Can	- It looks nice, but it might be very expensive. - Richard may be coming to see us tomorrow.

Modal Verbs - Asking Permission ???

Informal CAN - Can I borrow your pen for a minute? - Can I speak to John Wilson?	Polite COULD - Could I please have a glass of beer? - Could I open the window?
Formal MAY - May I ask a question please? - May we go home now?	Polite WOULD Would you mind if I asked you something?

Dialogues Using Modal verbs

Aim: Use the variety of modal verbs correctly.

Activity instruction: Complete the dialogue with the modal verbs.

- Can, could, may I, might, must, will, shall, would, should.
- Conversation between Grandma and granddaughters.

Grandma and a granddaughter in the kitchen talking while preparing food together.

G. Daughter: _____ I help you?

Grandma: Yes, Of course, but you _____ wear an apron.

After wearing an apron.

Grandma: Perfect.

Grandma: First we _____ mix everything in order to obtain the dough.

Grandma: Now we _____ roll the dough with the rolling pin.

G. Daughter: _____ I do it, please?

Grandma: Yes, of course

Grandma: Now we are going to top it with tomato sauce, cheese, onion, bacon, and mushrooms.

G. Daughter: _____ I slice the onion?

Grandma: No, you _____.

G. Daughter: Why not?

Grandma: Because your eyes may start to burn and tears may run down your face.

Grandma: But you _____ cut the bacon.

Grandma: You _____ be careful with the knife. And you _____ cut it so fast.

Grandma: Now we _____ put it in the oven.

G. Daughter: How long _____ we bake our pizza?

Grandma: We _____ bake it for more than 15 minutes, it _____ get burned.

Grandma: The Pizza _____ be ready now. Let's take a look.

G. Daughter: Grandma, is the pizza ready? It smells delicious!

Grandma: You _____ wash your hands before you eat.

Grandma: Let's eat pizza now. You _____ be very hungry

G. Daughter: Yeah. we are.

G. Daughter: Grandma, _____ you pass me the ketchup, please?

Grandma: Of course, here you are.

G. Daughter: Thanks

Grandma: _____ you like some more?

G. Daughter: No, thanks, I _____ like ice cream now.

Grandma: Let's go to the park and have some ice cream, _____ we?

G. Daughter: That sounds awesome. _____ I take my bike, too?

G. Daughter: And _____ I take my roller skates?

Grandma: Sure, you _____ take your bike and roller skates, too.

G. Daughter: It's so great that you can roller skate, Michelle!

G. Daughter: I wish I _____ do it, too! It _____ be terrific!

Don't worry, I _____ teach you soon.

Grandma: But you _____ ride your bike without training wheels now! That's great, too!

Grandma: That's great too.

Grandma: You _____ be content with that for now.

G. Daughter: Look at these beautiful flowers.

G. Daughter: _____ I pick them, grandma?

Grandma: No, you _____ not pick the flowers.

G. Daughter: _____ I drink water from this fountain?

Grandma: No, you _____ drink water from that fountain.

Grandma: It's not healthy. You _____ get sick.

Grandma: This is a special fountain: if you throw a coin into the water, you _____ make a wish!

Grandma: It _____ just come true.

G. Daughter: Grandma, _____ you buy me a chocolate ice cream, please?

Grandma: Yes of course.

G. Daughter: I _____ like a Vanilla ice cream.

Ice cream Woman: Hello! _____ I help you?

Grandma: I _____ like three single cones of ice cream, please.

G. Daughter: _____ I have a double cone, please?

Grandma: You _____ not eat so much because you _____ get a sore throat.

Ice cream Woman: What flavour _____ you like?

G. Daughter: I _____ like Vanilla, chocolate and strawberry flavour, please.

After eating an ice cream....

G. Daughter: The ice cream was delicious, but I don't like the cone.

Grandma: You _____ throw rubbish on the ground, Alice.

Grandma: You _____ throw it into the garbage can.

In the park....

Grandma: You _____ climb up the slide. You _____ hurt yourself and you _____ hurt other kids, too.

Grandma: Alice, you _____ wait your turn!

Grandma taking permission to sit on the bench In the park.

Grandma: Excuse me, _____ I sit here?

Lady: Yes, you _____.

Grandma: Thank you.

Grandma: _____ we go home now, girls?

G. Daughter: _____ we stay a little bit longer, please?

Grandma: Oh, that _____ be your mom.

G. Daughter: Yes, she is. She _____ be curious to know what we are doing.