

MODAL VERBS REVIEW

MODAL VERB	USE	EXAMPLES
CAN/CAN'T	Present ability Present permission	She can play the violin really well. We can't go to the party on Saturday.
COULD/COULDN'T	Past ability Past permission	I could walk when I was a year old. He could come home late at the weekends.
SHOULD/SHOULDN'T	Advice	I think you should go to the doctor. He shouldn't watch so much TV.
MUST/MUSTN'T	Strong obligation (+) Prohibition (-)	We must pay attention in class. You mustn't use your phone in class.

1. Complete these sentences. Use can or can't, and one of the verbs below.

play - come - see - speak - find

- I'm sorry, but I _____ to your party. I'm busy.
- Where are my keys? I _____ them.
- Paula _____ the piano really well. She's excellent at it.
- I _____ the sign. It's too far away.
- She works for an international company. She _____ five languages.

2. Complete the sentences. Use can/can't or could/couldn't, and one of the verbs below.

come - visit - speak - sleep - eat

- Last night was terrible. I _____.
- Tom _____ to the concert next week. He has to study.
- Lunch was delicious, but I was so full that I _____ dessert.
- _____ Anna _____ us in the summer, please? She's my best friend!
- He _____ clearly when he was two years old. He learned very quickly.

3. Complete the sentences. Use should or shouldn't, and one of the verbs below.

watch - go - eat - speak - study

- You don't look so good. You _____ to the doctor.
- He hasn't passed his exams. He _____ more.
- Ice-cream is not very healthy. They _____ it every day.
- If you have time, you _____ tonight's documentary. It's very interesting.
- It's very late. You _____ so loudly.

4. Complete the sentences. Use must or mustn't, and one of the verbs below.

win - call - smoke - go - tell

- It's late. I _____ home. My parents are waiting for me.
- It's a secret, so you _____ him.
- We _____ the match tomorrow. It's the final.
- I forgot to call Joana yesterday. I _____ her today.
- You _____ here. Look at the sign!