

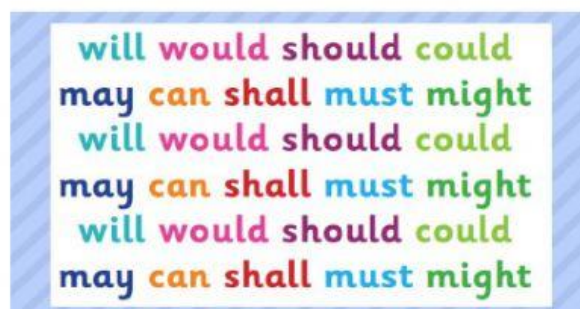
## Extra Activity – Modal Verbs



**Modal verbs** are also called auxiliaries or just modals. They express a condition of a verb (e.g., necessity, possibility, ability) and must always be used with another verb. There are 10 modals in English, the four we have in the chart (p. 68) and *may, ought to, shall, should, will, and would*.

We can use them in the **present** or **past** tense. It depends on what you need to inform.

| MODAL VERBS                                                    |                                                                    |
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| <b>Can</b><br>Ability,<br>Request                              | <b>Could</b><br>Past ability,<br>Suggestion, Future<br>Possibility |
| <b>May</b><br>Permission or<br>Future Possibility              | <b>Might</b><br>Present or Future<br>Possibility                   |
| <b>Must</b><br>Necessity or<br>Obligation                      | <b>Ought<br/>to</b><br>What's Right & Correct                      |
| <b>Shall</b><br>Offer<br>or Suggestion                         | <b>Should</b><br>Advice or Uncertain<br>Prediction                 |
| <b>Will</b><br>Willingness, Certainty<br>Prediction or Promise | <b>Would</b><br>Request, Invitation<br>or Making Arrangements      |



**Based on the explanation, complete the sentences with the best option.**

- Marina's so excited today. It \_\_\_\_\_ (must/be) her birthday or something.
- That bookstore closed a long time ago. The owners \_\_\_\_\_ (might/give it up) once it wasn't the best business to pursue.

- c) Alex and Izzie broke up ten years ago. They \_\_\_\_\_  
(may/have) a tough ending, since they haven't kept contact.
- d) I don't know why my family keeps pressuring me. They expect me to be perfect all the time, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (may not/want) to do so.
- e) Anne forgot her mom's birthday a few weeks ago. She \_\_\_\_\_  
(must/be) so busy!
- f) The mall is still closed. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ (must/think) it's not a good idea to reopen it, since Covid-19 is getting more dangerous.
- g) All business women \_\_\_\_\_ (must/get) crazy working from home for the past year! Kids and work at the same time! That \_\_\_\_\_  
(could/be) way too hard.
- h) We've had lots of online meeting and the conclusion is that most people haven't settled very well with technology. It \_\_\_\_\_  
(couldn't/be) so difficult, since all kinds of trainings have helped employees all around the world.
- i) Our kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ (must/be) so messy! We've been out of the city for three months due to our working journey.
- j) Taking care of your siblings \_\_\_\_\_ (can't/be) unbearable. You just have to be careful.