

Modal Verbs Uses

can	could	have to	Don't have to	may	should
must	mustn't	would	might	will	

Uses

1. to ask for something politely :
2. to offer to do something:
3. absence of obligation:
4. to express obligation:
5. to give advice:
6. to express possibility:
7. to express future predictions:
8. to express prohibition:

Decide which of the modal verbs in the box below correspond to the different uses. Sometimes more than one modal is possible.

1. Modal Verbs



2. Choose the correct modal verb (can, must, should, may, might, have to) to complete the sentences:

1. The handyman _____ connect the circuits in the hall carefully to avoid mistakes.
2. This software _____ estimate the cost for the entire installation.
3. The students _____ clean the area after they finish their work.
4. You _____ calculate the total cost using the company's software.
5. The electrician _____ check the installation with a tester to confirm it works properly.

3. Rewrite the sentences using a different modal verb to change the meaning:

1. The handyman can connect the circuits in the hall. (Rewrite using "must")

2. The students may calculate the distance. (Rewrite using "have to")

3. The Radio Station uses modern technology. (Rewrite using "should")

4. The company must pay extra hours on holidays. (Rewrite using "might")

5. We can save electricity when we turn off the lights. (Rewrite using "should")

4. Write your own examples

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Choose the best advice or obligation using modals (can, could, should, must):

1. The electrician _____ check the machine before turning it on. (must / could)
2. The students _____ wear safety equipment during the installation. (must / may)
3. You _____ save electricity by switching off unnecessary devices. (should / can)
4. The inspection _____ be carried out by certified technicians only. (may / must)
5. You _____ calculate Resistance in Ohms to ensure accuracy. (can / must)
6. New regulations _____ include a specific alarm system for all buildings. (should / must)
7. The workers _____ complete the job by the end of the week. (could / should)
8. Paul _____ design a simple project for the house. (can / should)
9. Electricity Plants _____ produce electricity from renewable sources. (may / must)
10. In Uruguay, people _____ use an output of 220 volts in most buildings. (should / must)

6. Match numbers and letters to form meaningful sentences using modal verbs:

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| 1. The workers must _____ | a. perform a final inspection before the project is complete. |
| 2. Engineers should _____ | b. follow safety protocols when working on high-voltage systems. |
| 3. The supervisor can _____ | c. complete the circuit installation by the end of the week. |
| 4. The technician might _____ | d. use a tester to verify if the equipment is functioning properly. |
| 5. You must _____ | e. wear protective gloves while handling electrical wires. |
| 6. The electrician could _____ | f. turn off the power supply to avoid accidents. |
| 7. This device can _____ | g. detect voltage in cables without direct contact. |
| 8. The company must _____ | h. provide additional training for staff on the new safety regulations. |
| 9. The control system should _____ | i. automatically shut down if there's a power overload. |
| 10. We can _____ | j. save energy by using more efficient lighting systems. |