

Modal Verbs



Modal Verb	Use	Example Sentences
Can	Ability, Possibility, Permission	I can swim. Can I go to the park?
Could	Polite requests, Tentative possibilities	Could you pass the salt, please?
Will	Future tense, Willingness	She will be here soon. I will do my best.
Would	Polite requests, Preferences	Would you mind closing the door?
Shall	Suggestions, Offers	Shall we go for a walk? I shall do my homework later.
Should	Recommendations, Obligations	You should eat more vegetables. I should finish my work by tomorrow.
Must	Necessity, Strong obligation	You must wear a seatbelt. I must finish this report today.
Ought to	Moral obligations, Duties	You ought to apologize. We ought to be on time.
May	Possibility, Permission	She may come to the party. May I borrow your pen?
Might	Uncertain possibilities	It might rain later. She might be at home.

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