# UNIT 3 – GRAMMAR MIND MAP – MODAL VERBS

## MODAL VERBS

### POSSIBILITY

- could
- may
- might

Ex: This software might require an update before you can use all its features..

**IMPOSSIBILITY**

- can't → Ex: You can't use that printer for technical drawings; it lacks the necessary precision.

### ABILITY

- can → Ex: My sister can draw using CAD software.
- **be** able **to** → Ex: _____
- could → ability in the past → Ex: Last year, he could create 3D models. Not anymore.

-_____

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-_____

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For example: I can speak 5 languages.

### PROHIBITION

- mustn't
  Ex: You mustn't share your CAD files without permission
- **mustn't ≠ don't have to**
  Ex: _____

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### PERMISSION

- can
- could
- may/might

Ex: Could I borrow your mechanical pencil for my sketch?

### OBLIGATION, NECESSITY & LACK OF OBLIGATION

- must → _____
  You must follow the standard conventions for technical drawings.
- have **to** → _____
  We have to submit our technical drawings by the end of the week.
- need **to** → _____
  You need to calibrate your instruments before starting the drawing.
- don't have **to** → _____
- don't need **to** → _____
  We don't need to buy a laptop to use computer software.
  There are enough computers in the office.

### OTHER MEANINGS

- must (logical conclusion)

Ex: They must be in the drafting room because the lights are on.

- can't (we are sure sth is not true)

Ex: This can't be the final version of the drawing. There are no dimension marked

### GIVING ADVICE

- should = ought to
- ought **to** → Ex: _____

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