

Modal Verbs: can, must, should...



English Language Worksheet · 4 exercises · ~30 minutes

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Grammar Reference

CAN

ABILITY /
PERMISSION

"She can swim very
well."

MUST

OBLIGATION /
NECESSITY

"You must wear a
seatbelt."

SHOULD

ADVICE /
RECOMMENDATION

"You should eat more
vegetables."

COULD

PAST ABILITY /
POSSIBILITY

"I could ride a bike at
age 5."

MAY / MIGHT

POSSIBILITY
(UNCERTAIN)

"It might rain tomorrow."

MUSTN'T

PROHIBITION (NOT
ALLOWED!)

"You mustn't run in the
hall."

Remember: Modal verbs NEVER change form → NO -s, -ed, -ing endings!

✓ She **can** speak French. ✗ She ~~can~~s speak French.

1 Fill in with the correct modal verb

Choose from: can / can't / must / mustn't / should / shouldn't

1. You _____ cross the road when the light is red. It's dangerous!

2. My little brother _____ already read. He's only 4 years old.

3. You look tired. You _____ go to bed early tonight.

4. Students _____ use phones during tests — it's the school rule!

5. I _____ speak three languages: Ukrainian, English and German!

6. You _____ eat so much sugar — it's bad for your teeth.

2 Match the situation — write a modal sentence

⇒ Look at each situation and write a sentence using the modal verb in the box.

Your friend has a headache and doesn't feel well.



You _____ (should / take / some medicine)

There is a "No Smoking" sign in the building.



You _____ (mustn't / smoke / here)

The sky is cloudy and dark this morning.



It _____ (might / rain / later)

Your friend started guitar lessons last year.



Now she _____ (can / play / guitar)

3 Positive ✓ or Negative ✗?

⇒ Rewrite each sentence making it negative OR positive as instructed.

#	Original sentence	Your answer
1	You must do your homework. (negative)	_____

2 He can't drive a car. (positive) _____

3 She should eat fast food. (negative) _____

4 We can't stay out late. (positive) _____

4 Spot the mistake!

⚠ Find the mistake with the modal verb and rewrite the sentence correctly.

1.

~~She musts study harder for her exam.~~



2.

~~You should to call your grandma more often.~~



3.

~~Can he swims 50 metres?~~



4.

~~You mustn't to touch that — it's hot!~~





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