

MODAL VERBS

FUNCTIONS OF MODAL VERBS

Complete the groups 1-8 in your notebook with the words in the box

be able to	can	can't	have to	may	mustn't	needn't	ought to
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1. **PROHIBITION:** can't,
2. **PERMISSION:** be allowed to,
3. **ABILITY:** can, could, managed to
4. **OBLIGATION:** must, need to,
5. **NO OBLIGATION:** don't have to,
6. **ADVICE:** should, had better,
7. **POSSIBILITY:** might, could,
8. **DEDUCTION:** must, (could not),

ABILITY, PERMISSION, PROHIBITION

Read sentences A-D

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| A. I won't be allowed to have a tattoo. |
| B. I' ve never been able to grow a beard. |
| C. We finally managed to get a ticket. |
| D. You mustn't open the door. |

Answer these questions. Answer using capital letters.

1. Which sentences refer to permission?
2. Which sentences refer to prohibition?
3. Which sentences refer to ability?
4. Which sentence refers to a particular effort in the past?
5. Which of the blue phrases can be substituted with **can** or **could**?

ADVICE

Read the sentences

- A. You'd better go or she'll get upset
- b. We ought to watch that film, I suppose

1. Which of sentences A and B sounds like a warning?
2. What is the negative form of the underlined verb in A?
3. What is the negative form of the underlined verb in B?

OBLIGATION/NO OBLIGATION

Read the sentences.

- A. We have to/must wear a uniform.
- B. We don't have to/ needn't wear a uniform
- C. We mustn't wear a uniform.

1. Which of the sentences indicate no obligation?
2. Which sentence prohibits something?
3. Write the past form of the sentences A-C in the gaps below:

A. We wear a uniform.

B. We wear a uniform.

C. We wear a uniform.

POSSIBILITY AND DEDUCTION

Read the sentences

- A. They must be comfortable in those clothes
- B. She might be wearing make-up. I'm not sure.
- C. That could cause an accident

1. Which of the sentences indicate possibility?

2. Which of the sentences indicate deduction?

Write THE OPPOSITE of the sentences A-C in the gaps below:

- A. They be comfortable in those clothes
- B. She be wearing make-up. I'm not sure.
- C. That cause an accident

MODAL PERFECTS

We use some modal verbs with *have + past participle* to talk about past events. Can you write the modal perfect form of sentences B and C?

- A. They **must have been** comfortable in those clothes
- B. She wearing make-up. I'm not sure.
- C. That an accident

PRACTICE:

1. Complete the sentences with the words from the box

can't	couldn't	can't	don't have to	might	should
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- 1 In the future, wearable technology ... be popular.
(possibility)
- 2 You ... get a piercing. They're cool. (advice)
- 3 You ... be good-looking to be beautiful. (no obligation)
- 4 Most people ... buy designer labels because they're too expensive. (ability)
- 5 I ... get a tattoo when I was younger. My parents were against it. (permission)
- 6 Wearing 50-cm long shoes ... have been practical.
(deduction)