

MODAL VERBS

TYPE	MODAL VERBS
ABILITY	CAN, COULD
LACK OF ABILITY	CAN'T COULDN'T
PERMISSION	CAN, COULD, MAY
ADVICE	SHOULD, SHOULDN'T
OBLIGATION	MUST, HAVE TO / HAS TO
PROHIBITION	MUSTN'T
LACK OF NECESSITY	DON'T HAVE TO / DOESN'T HAVE TO
POSSIBILITY	MIGHT, MAY, COULD
OFFERS / REQUESTS	WOULD, MAY, COULD, WILL

	STRUCTURE
AFFIRMATIVE	Subject + MODAL + INFINITIVE VERB (V1)
NEGATIVE	Subject + MODAL + NOT + INFINITIVE VERB (V1)
INTERROGATIVE (yes / no)	MODAL + Subject + INFINITIVE VERB (V1)?
INTERROGATIVE (wh-)	WH- + MODAL + Subject + INFINITIVE VERB (V1)?

A. Write a sentence containing a modal has the same meaning as the original one.

1. They *are able to* speak English well. **They can speak English well.**
2. Steve *is not allowed to* stay out late.
3. *Do I have to* clean the kitchen?
4. *Are you able to* drive a tractor?
5. We *are not allowed to* swim when the red flag is flying.
6. She *is not able to* read Chinese.
7. Do you think we *are allowed to* park here?

8. You *don't have to* do this exercise.
9. We *have to* stop when the traffic lights are red.
10. Am I *allowed to* ask a question?

B. Use a substitute form for the modal from the drop down menu.

1. We are able to see the tower from our hotel.
 - We _____ the tower from our hotel.
2. We may use a dictionary in the test.
 - We _____ a dictionary in the test.
3. He is not able to play tennis very well.
 - He _____ tennis very well.
4. We must leave Ottawa on Friday.
 - We _____ Ottawa on Friday.
5. She is not allowed to use a smartphone in the hospital.
 - She _____ a smartphone in the hospital.
6. You need not clean the room.
 - She _____ the room.
7. You may not copy my homework.
 - You _____ copy my homework.
8. You are advised to take an extra t-shirt.
 - You _____ an extra t-shirt.
9. He is not supposed to go to bed so late.
 - He _____ to bed so late.
10. Need we go?
 - _____ go?

Listen to a dialogue between a host and guest. Complete the four requests/offers and replies below.

1. A: you something to drink?
 B: Yes, please. A coffee nice.
2. A: lunch now?
 B: No thanks, I am .
3. A: one of those biscuits over there? They look very tasty.
 B: Yes, of course. .
4. A: my email from your computer? I'm expecting an
 important message.
 B: the internet isn't working at the moment.