

# MODAL VERBS

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

	STRUCTURE
AFFIRMATIVE	Subject + <b>MODAL</b> + <b>INFINITIVE VERB</b> (V1)
NEGATIVE	Subject + <b>MODAL</b> + <b>NOT</b> + <b>INFINITIVE VERB</b> (V1)
INTERROGATIVE (yes / no)	<b>MODAL</b> + Subject + <b>INFINITIVE VERB</b> (V1)?
INTERROGATIVE (wh-)	<b>WH- + MODAL</b> + Subject + <b>INFINITIVE VERB</b> (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 *can* see the tower from our hotel.
2. We may use a dictionary in the test.
  - We *can* use a dictionary in the test.
3. He is not able to play tennis very well.
  - He *can't* play tennis very well.
4. We must leave Ottawa on Friday.
  - We *have to* leave Ottawa on Friday.
5. She is not allowed to use a smartphone in the hospital.
  - She *isn't allowed* to use a smartphone in the hospital.
6. You need not clean the room.
  - She *doesn't have to* clean the room.
7. You may not copy my homework.
  - You *aren't allowed* to copy my homework.
8. You are advised to take an extra t-shirt.
  - You *are advised to* take an extra t-shirt.
9. He is not supposed to go to bed so late.
  - He *isn't supposed to* go to bed so late.
10. Need we go?
  - *Do we have to* 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.