

USE	MODALS			
ABILITY	Can	Could (past)		
POSSIBILITY	Can (general or theoretical)	Could	May	Might (less probable than may)
PERMISSION	Can	May (formal)		
REQUEST	Can / Could	Will (formal)	May (formal)	Would (formal)
OBLIGATION	Must (imposed by the speaker)	Have to		
LACK OF OBLIGATION	Don't have to	Needn't		
DEDUCTION / CONCLUSION	Must	Should (less certain)	Can't	
PROHIBITION	Mustn't	Can't	May not	
ADVICE	Should	Ought to	Might	Could
OFFER	Shall	Would		
SUGGESTION	Shall	Would	Should (formal)	

EXAMPLES

	USE
1. She can drive a lorry	<u>ability</u>
2. You don't have to get up early on Saturday	_____
3. Look at the snow; it must be cold outside.	_____
4. You mustn't smoke here.	_____
5. I might get a job soon	_____
6. Shall we go to the theatre this evening?	_____
7. Will you please help me with my homework this afternoon?	_____
8. You have to be at school at 8:45.	_____
9. If you want to pass English, you should study hard	_____
10. Helen hasn't come to school since Monday. She must be ill	_____
11. Can you take me to the bus station?	_____
12. You may only use a pen during the exam	_____
13. I had to go to school very early when I was in England	_____
14. It may not rain again this winter	_____
15. It's very cold outside; you ought to wear a coat.	_____