

## Modals

**Modals are a kind of Helping Verb:**

<b>Modal:</b>	<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Can/Could</b>	Ability	You <u>can</u> do it because you have the <u>ability</u> .
<b>May:</b>	Permission	<u>May</u> indicates if you have <u>permission</u> to do it.
<b>Might:</b>	Possibility	There is a small chance (<25%).
<b>Should:</b>	Propriety	The <u>proper</u> or right way of doing something.
<b>Must:</b>	Need	You <u>have to</u> do something (usually fulfilling a <u>need</u> ).
<b>Would:</b>	Conditional/Politeness	<b>If</b> something happens <u>first</u> <b>then</b> I will do it.
<b>Shall:</b>	Promise	When you <u>promise to try</u> something <u>in the future</u> .
<b>Ought to:</b>	Advice	Advice or an opinion about the right way to do a thing.

**Exercise A: Modals: Identify the modals in the following sentences and indicate their purpose on the right.**

<b>Modal</b>	<b>Sentence</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
	1. He shall bring the food very soon.	
	2. We might win the championship game.	
	3. I can speak a little Spanish.	
	4. You should stop smoking because it is bad for you.	
	5. May I sit down now?	
	6. Would you kindly be quiet?	
	7. I must go now.	
	8. Would it help if I looked for the treasure too?	
	9. I ought to tell the truth to the teacher.	
	10. Could you pass me the ketchup?	

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