

MODAL VERBS

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Write the sentences (✓ = allowed, ✗ = not allowed).

- 1) I ✓ stay up late at night / ✗ stay in bed late.
I'm allowed to stay up late at night but I am not allowed to stay in bed late.
- 2) Jack ✗ play football in the garden / ✓ play it on a field.
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- 3) Laura ✓ wear a nose stud / ✗ get a tattoo
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- 4) Sue ✗ go to a disco / ✓ go to parties
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- 5) Kevin and Sharon ✓ to go roller-skating / ✗ ride their bike
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- 6) Paul ✗ watch TV all day long / ✓ watch TV in the evenings.
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- 7) John and Jackie ✓ hang out in shopping centres / ✗ come home
after 6 p.m.
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2

Fill in the correct form of the modal verbs can, must and may.

1. Next year we _____ (may) use dictionaries for the test.
2. Tracy _____ (must) go away next week.
3. Harry _____ (can) read easy English books when he was in first grade.
4. Last week we had a difficult exam. We _____ (must) answer a lot of questions.
5. Last year they had a strict teacher. They _____ (may not) ask questions during the test.
6. If her hand still hurts next week she _____ (must) go to the hospital.
7. Gordon _____ (may) put up a tent in the garden in summer.
8. Marilyn _____ (cannot) go to Australia next year. The trip is too expensive.