

## MODAL VERBS

Type	Modal Verbs	Examples
ABILITY	Can, Could	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ David can speak three languages.</li> <li>✿ He could speak fluent French when he was 5.</li> </ul>
PERMISSION	Can, Could, May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ Can I sit in that chair please?</li> <li>✿ Could I open the window?</li> <li>✿ May I borrow your dictionary?</li> </ul>
ADVICE	Should	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ You should visit your dentist at least twice a year.</li> <li>✿ You should try to lose weight.</li> </ul>
OBLIGATION	Must, Have to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ I must memorize all of these rules about tenses.</li> <li>✿ You have to take off your shoes before you get into the mosque.</li> </ul>
POSSIBILITY	Might, May, Could, Can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ It looks nice, but it might be very expensive.</li> <li>✿ Richard may be coming to see us tomorrow.</li> </ul>

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## Modal Verbs - Asking Permission ???

<p> <b>Informal</b></p> <p><b>CAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ Can I borrow your pen for a minute ?</li> <li>✿ Can I speak to John Wilson ?</li> </ul>	<p> <b>Polite</b></p> <p><b>COULD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ Could I please have a glass of beer ?</li> <li>✿ Could I open the window ?</li> </ul>
<p> <b>Formal</b></p> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ May I ask a question please ?</li> <li>✿ May we go home now ?</li> </ul>	<p> <b>Polite</b></p> <p><b>WOULD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ Would you mind if I asked you something ?</li> </ul>

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# Dialogues Using Modal verbs

Aim: Use the variety of modal verbs correctly.

Activity instruction: Complete the dialogue with the modal verbs.

- Can, could, may I, might, must, will, shall, would, should.
- Conversation between Grandma and granddaughters.

**Grandma and a granddaughter in the kitchen talking while preparing food together.**

G. Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ I help you?

Grandma: Yes, Of course, but you \_\_\_\_\_ wear an apron.

After wearing an apron.

Grandma: Perfect.

Grandma: First we \_\_\_\_\_ mix everything in order to obtain the dough.

Grandma: Now we \_\_\_\_\_ roll the dough with the rolling pin.

G. Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ I do it, please?

Grandma: Yes, of course

Grandma: Now we are going to top it with tomato sauce, cheese, onion, bacon, and mushrooms.

G. Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ I slice the onion?

Grandma: No, you \_\_\_\_\_.

G. Daughter: Why not?

Grandma: Because your eyes may start to burn and tears may run down your face.

Grandma: But you \_\_\_\_\_ cut the bacon.

Grandma: You \_\_\_\_\_ be careful with the knife. And you \_\_\_\_\_ cut it so fast.

Grandma: Now we \_\_\_\_\_ put it in the oven.

G. Daughter: How long \_\_\_\_\_ we bake our pizza?

Grandma: We \_\_\_\_\_ bake it for more than 15 minutes, it \_\_\_\_\_ get burned.

Grandma: The Pizza \_\_\_\_\_ be ready now. Let's take a look.

G. Daughter: Grandma, is the pizza ready? It smells delicious!

Grandma: You \_\_\_\_\_ wash your hands before you eat.

Grandma: Let's eat pizza now. You \_\_\_\_\_ be very hungry

G. Daughter: Yeah. we are.

G. Daughter: Grandma, \_\_\_\_\_ you pass me the ketchup, please?

Grandma: Of course, here you are.

G. Daughter: Thanks

Grandma: \_\_\_\_\_ you like some more?

G. Daughter: No, thanks, I \_\_\_\_\_ like ice cream now.

Grandma: Let's go to the park and have some ice cream, \_\_\_\_\_ we?

G. Daughter: That sounds awesome. \_\_\_\_\_ I take my bike, too?

G. Daughter: And \_\_\_\_\_ I take my roller skates?

Grandma: Sure, you \_\_\_\_\_ take your bike and roller skates, too.

G. Daughter: It's so great that you can roller skate, Michelle!

G. Daughter: I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ do it, too! It \_\_\_\_\_ be terrific!

Don't worry, I \_\_\_\_\_ teach you soon.

Grandma: But you \_\_\_\_\_ ride your bike without training wheels now! That's great, too!

Grandma: That's great too.

Grandma: You \_\_\_\_\_ be content with that for now.

G. Daughter: Look at these beautiful flowers.

G. Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ I pick them, grandma?

Grandma: No, you \_\_\_\_\_ not pick the flowers.

G. Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ I drink water from this fountain?

Grandma: No, you \_\_\_\_\_ drink water from that fountain.

Grandma: It's not healthy. You \_\_\_\_\_ get sick.

Grandma: This is a special fountain: if you throw a coin into the water, you \_\_\_\_\_ make a wish!

Grandma: It \_\_\_\_\_ just come true.

G. Daughter: Grandma, \_\_\_\_\_ you buy me a chocolate ice cream, please?

Grandma: Yes of course.

G. Daughter: I \_\_\_\_\_ like a Vanilla ice cream.

Ice cream Woman: Hello! \_\_\_\_\_ I help you?

Grandma: I \_\_\_\_\_ like three single cones of ice cream, please.

G. Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ I have a double cone, please?

Grandma: You \_\_\_\_\_ not eat so much because you \_\_\_\_\_ get a sore throat.

Ice cream Woman: What flavour \_\_\_\_\_ you like?

G. Daughter: I \_\_\_\_\_ like Vanilla, chocolate and strawberry flavour, please.

### **After eating an ice cream....**

G. Daughter: The ice cream was delicious, but I don't like the cone.

Grandma: You \_\_\_\_\_ throw rubbish on the ground, Alice.

Grandma: You \_\_\_\_\_ throw it into the garbage can.

### **In the park....**

Grandma: You \_\_\_\_\_ climb up the slide. You \_\_\_\_\_ hurt yourself and you \_\_\_\_\_ hurt other kids, too.

Grandma: Alice, you \_\_\_\_\_ wait your turn!

### **Grandma taking permission to sit on the bench In the park.**

Grandma: Excuse me, \_\_\_\_\_ I sit here?

Lady: Yes, you \_\_\_\_\_.

Grandma: Thank you.

Grandma: \_\_\_\_\_ we go home now, girls?

G. Daughter: \_\_\_\_\_ we stay a little bit longer, please?

Grandma: Oh, that \_\_\_\_\_ be your mom.

G. Daughter: Yes, she is. She \_\_\_\_\_ be curious to know what we are doing.