## INTRODUCTION

**Modal verbs** are a part of the larger category called *auxiliary verbs* which are verbs that cannot be used on their own. They need to be accompanied by another (main) verb.

The following words are modal verbs: **Can, Could, May, Might, Must, Shall, Should, Will, Would**.

Modal verbs are used to express ability, obligation, permission, assumptions, probability and possibility, requests and offers, and advice. Each modal verb can have more than one meaning which depends on the context of that sentence (or question).

A Modal verb is followed by another verb in the base form (the infinitive without the 'To') and they are not conjugated (we don't add an 'S' in third person).

## STRUCTURE



Subject + Modal Verb + Verb

"You should slow down your speed."

Put these sentences in order:

1. can / play / My sister / the piano

   _____

2. rain / It / later / might

   _____



Subject + Modal Verb + **not** + Verb

"They will not get there on time"

Put these sentences in order:

1. shall / You / pass / not

   _____

2. go / party / He / to / can't / the

   _____



Modal Verb + Subject + Verb

"Can I go to Tom's house?"

Put these sentences in order:

1. help / May / you / I

_____?

2. we / begin / Shall

_____?

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