

## MODAL VERBS

That man CAN'T be a doctor. He looks too young.

IMPOSSIBILITY      PROHIBITION

You CAN'T wear jeans at work. Men have to wear a suit and a tie.

IMPOSSIBILITY      PROHIBITION

Did you know that Mozart COULD play the piano by the time he was five?

POSSIBILITY      ABILITY

I'm not sure where the café is. I think it COULD be in the next street.

POSSIBILITY      ABILITY

When you've finished the test, you MAY quietly leave the room.

POSSIBILITY      PERMISSION

I'm busy tomorrow but I MAY be able to see you on Thursday. Let me phone you.

POSSIBILITY      PERMISSION

You know what? I think this rain MIGHT be stopping.

POSSIBILITY      PERMISSION

I know you're busy, but MIGHT I ask you a quick question?

POSSIBILITY      PERMISSION

I'm just writing to say congratulations on your engagement. You MUST be really happy!

CERTAINTY      OBLIGATION

You MUST make sure that you save all documents in the correct folder.

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