



Grammar | modals (and verbs with similar meanings)

Look at the way the underlined words are used in sentences 1–12. Match them to uses a–l in the Active grammar box.

- 1 ... some people might seem luckier than others?
- 2 ... the differences between them must be related to their psychology.
- 3 ... it will come as no great surprise that ...
- 4 They won't give up.
- 5 They didn't need to win.
- 6 You can't win the lottery if you don't enter ...
- 7 ... others are bound to go from one failed venture to another.
- 8 ... can I ask you, are some people just born unlucky?
- 9 You might do better if you have a more positive outlook.
- 10 Lucky people are likely to create opportunities ...
- 11 ... he is supposed to speak only to people wearing that colour.
- 12 You must keep your winning ticket to verify the claim.

Active grammar

will

- a) *Do you think the government will win the election?*
- b) *I'll get that for you. He won't pay the bills.*

might

- c) *Majda might phone later.*
- d) *You might try asking your brother.*

must/can't

- e) *You must be at the office by 8 a.m.
You can't leave before 5 p.m.*
- f) *There must be some kind of problem.
That can't be the manager – he's far too young.*

can

- g) *Can we leave our bags here?*
- h) *We can't all fit in one car.*

(be) supposed to

- i) *We are supposed to be at the presentation.*

(be) bound to

- j) *She's bound to give the secret away.*

(be) likely to

- k) *You're not likely to pass.*

ought to/need to/should

- l) *Do you think we ought to let them know we are here?
Do we need to book a table?
You really should contact the office.*

for obligation:	for possibility/impossibility:
for predictions:	for future prediction of certainty:
for permission:	for probability:
to talk about possibility:	for obligation/duty/necessity:
for willingness/unwillingness:	to talk about what you have to do according to the rules/regulations:
for deduction:	to make suggestions (polite):