



MODAL VERBS

Type	Modal verb	Examples
Ability	Can (present)	David can speak three languages
	Could (past)	He could speak fluent French when we was 5
Permission	Can / May	Can I sit in that chair?
	Could (more polite)	Could I have some water, please?
Advice	Should	You should go to the dentist once a year
Obligation	Must	You must study every day
Possibility	May	This t-shirt may be very expensive
	Might (more unlikely)	It might rain later



Complete the sentences with the appropriate modal verb:

You _____ climb trees three years ago...today you can't do it.

Going to the beach on August _____ be a good idea!

_____ you speak slowly, please?

I _____ swim very well. I go to the swimming pool every Saturday.

_____ I use your computer?

You _____ study if you want to pass the exam.

You _____ use your helmet when you drive your motorbike.

Do you dare with negative sentences?

can't	couldn't	shouldn't	mustn't	might not
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I'm sorry... I _____ do my homework, I was very busy.

The sun is shining. It _____ rain today.

You _____ cross the road at this point, it's very dangerous.

You _____ run in the corridors.

She _____ speak English, she learnt French in the school.