

MODAL VERBS

CAN

EXPRESS ABILITY

Affirmative:

Frogs can jump high.

Negative:

Frogs can't sing.

Interrogative:

Can frogs fly? No, they can't.



EXPRESS POSSIBILITY

Can you see me tonight?



EXPRESS PERMISSION

Can I go to the concert?

-Yes, you can./No, you can't.

MUST

EXPRESS OBLIGATION

You must wear a helmet when you ride a motorbike.

MUSTN'T

EXPRESS PROHIBITION

You mustn't shout in the library.

SHOULD

EXPRESS ADVICE/OPINION

You should go to the doctor.
You look ill.

HAVE TO

EXPRESS OBLIGATION/NECESSITY

Affirmative:

I **have to** clean the kitchen. It's dirty!

Tim **has to be** home by eight.

Negative:

You **don't have to** clean the kitchen.
I have already done it.

Meg **doesn't have to** be home by six.
Her parents are generous.

Interrogative:

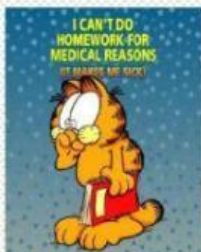
Do we **have to** wear a dress?

-No, it's not a formal party.

Does she **have to** travel by bus?

-No, she can walk there.

I Read the grammar guide carefully. Match the information about the modal verb 'can', on the left, with the pictures on the right. Write the correct number.



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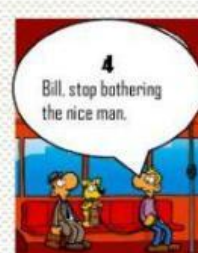
II Complete with the information from the grammar guide. Then translate.

- 1 You **should** visit your uncle. He misses you.
- 2 We **must** recycle to save the planet!
- 3 Meg **has to** clean her room. It's a mess!
- 4 You **mustn't** smoke in this building.
- 5 Kim **doesn't have to** study. He's a genius!
- 6 You **can** buy milk in the corner shop.
- 7 **Can** I use your laptop, please? *permission*
- 8 Do I **have to** come to the meeting?
- 9 You really **shouldn't** smoke.
- 10 Not all birds **can** fly.

III Circle the correct option.

- 1 You **can't / don't have to** water the flowers because it is raining.
- 2 We **must / mustn't** hurry. I don't want to be late again.
- 3 Tim **must / doesn't have to** go to school tomorrow because it's Sunday.
- 4 **Can / should** you help me with my homework, please?
- 5 I **must / can't** go out tonight. I'm babysitting my little cousins.
- 6 You **shouldn't / mustn't** listen to music on your mp3 player when you drive a car.

IV Complete the missing letters to form modal verbs.



- 1 Penguins _____ 't fly, or _____ they?
- 2 Look, I know we _____ d help them but m _____ we do THAT?
- 3 Yes, I _____ ! I just _____ t _____ be faster.
- 4 Dogs _____ ' _____ travel in public transports.