## Modal verbs

Modals are verbs which can't be used by themselves. They need another verb to make sense!

These are the modals we have studied:

Ability	Permission	
can can't	can can't could?	
Obligation	Lack of obligation	
must mustn't have to / has to	don't have to / doesn't have to	
Advice	Possibility (future)	
should shouldn't	may might could	
Probability (future)	Future	
should	will won't	

Usually, the form is ALWAYS the same:

I/You/He/She/I+/We/They CAN swim.

person modal main verb

The only one that changes for 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular is have to and don't have to.

I/You/We/They HAVE TO swim.

She/He/I+ HAS TO swim.

Make a question by moving the modal to the front of the sentence.

I can swim. — Can I swim?



A. Choose the correct modal verb to complete the sentence.

I ...... swim.

- 1. CAN
- 2. DOESN'T
- 3. COULD

Harry ...... run fast. He broke his leg.

- 1. CAN'T
- 2. DOESN'T
- COULDN'T

You ...... use your mobile phone in a hospital. It is prohibited.

- 1. CAN
- 2. DON'T HAVE TO
- 3. MUSTN'T

You ...... play in the snow. You will get sick!

- 1. SHOULDN'T
- 2. SHOULD
- 3. MUST

It's cloudy today.

It ..... rain tomorrow.

- 1. CAN
- 2. HAS TO
- 3. MIGHT

You ..... come if you don't want to.

- 1. SHOULD
- 2. DON'T HAVE TO
- 3. CAN'T

Don't forget to take an umbrella! It ... rain!

- 1. MIGHT
- 2. SHOULD
- 3. CAN

You .... use a mobile phone in class. We're not allowed.

- 1. CAN
- 2. COULDN'T
- 3. CAN'T

Tomorrow, I think we ... go to the museum.

- 1. CAN'T
- 2. MUST
- 3. WILL
- B. Complete the sentence so that it makes sense.
- 1. You ...... do that! The teacher will be angry!
- 2. You ..... read this book. I think it's really good.
- 3. I ...... go to your party because I am sick.
- 4. We ..... get a new car this weekend! I'm so excited!
- 5. You ..... wear a uniform at my school.

mustn't must should	can't might	don't have shouldn't
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