

Modal Verbs

What are Modal Verbs? -> Auxiliary verbs that add meaning to another verb. They are special because they follow a strict set of rules.

The 9 Modal Verbs: (what are the other forms for the W's?)

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| M | C |
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| M | S |
| W | S |
| W | |

The Rules:

1. Infinitives come _____ modal verbs but without _____.

Examples: _____

2. Modal verbs take no _____ in the _____.

Examples: _____

3. Modal verbs _____ their form according to _____. (They have no past of future form, they just stay the same)

The easy way to remember it is that "Modal Verbs _____, they stay _____."

4. We use modal verbs in _____ like we do other auxiliary verbs (without the _____.)

The way we use modal verbs in negative sentences is:

_____ + modal verb + _____ + _____

Examples: _____

Contractions

Might might not _____

Can Cannot _____

Must must not _____

Could Could not _____

May may not _____

Shall Shall not _____

Will Will not _____

Should Should not _____

Would Would not _____

5. With interrogative phrases, modal verbs are _____ other _____.

Modal verb + _____ + _____

Examples: _____

How and when to use the modal verbs:

Might: _____ Example: they might be eating lunch.

May: _____ Example: The teacher may be late today

AND _____ Example: May I leave now?

Must: _____ She must be stuck in traffic.

AND _____ I must go home right now.

AND _____ You must not smoke here.

Will: _____ I will leave at 7 o'clock.

AND _____ I will give money to charity this Christmas.

AND _____ will you help me with this?

Would: _____ would you help me with this?

AND _____ I would like a cup of tea or would you prefer apples or oranges?

Can: _____ I can speak English

AND _____ you can call him tomorrow.

AND _____ that can't be her.

AND _____ can you help me?

Could: _____ I could do trigonometry 5 years ago

AND _____ could I call you?

AND _____ she could be here.

AND _____ you could try this.

Should: _____ you should try this new bar

AND _____ you should deal with this right now

AND _____ he should be home soon but I'm not sure.

Shall: _____ Shall I help you with that?

AND _____ I shall meet you there at midnight.

AND _____ I shall be the first person to know.