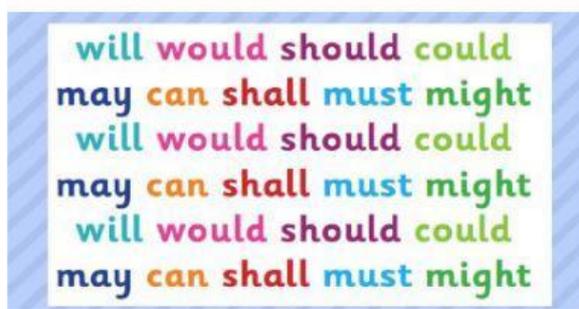


## Extra Activity – Modal Verbs



**Modal verbs** are also called auxiliaries or just modals. They express a condition of a verb (e.g., necessity, possibility, ability) and must always be used with another verb. There are 10 modals in English, the four we have in the chart (p. 68) and *may, ought to, shall, should, will, and would*.

MODAL VERBS	
<b>Can</b> Ability, Request	<b>Could</b> Past ability, Suggestion, Future Possibility
<b>May</b> Permission or Future Possibility	<b>Might</b> Present or Future Possibility
<b>Must</b> Necessity or Obligation	<b>Ought to</b> What's Right & Correct
<b>Shall</b> Offer or Suggestion	<b>Should</b> Advice or Uncertain Prediction
<b>Will</b> Willingness, Certain Prediction or Promise	<b>Would</b> Request, Invitation or Making Arrangements



Based on the explanation, complete the sentences with the best option.

- Marina's so excited today. It \_\_\_\_\_ (must/be) her birthday or something.
- That bookstore closed a long time ago. The owners \_\_\_\_\_ (might/give it up) once it wasn't the best business to pursue.
- Alex and Izzie broke up ten years ago. They \_\_\_\_\_ (may/have) a tough ending, since they haven't kept contact.
- I don't know why my family keeps pressuring me. They expect me to be perfect all the time, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (may not/want) to do so.

- e) Anne forgot her mom's birthday a few weeks ago. She \_\_\_\_\_  
(must/be) so busy!
- f) The mall is still closed. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ (must/think) it's not  
a good idea to reopen it, since Covid-19 is getting more dangerous.
- g) All business women \_\_\_\_\_ (must/get) crazy working from  
home for the past year! Kids and work at the same time! That  
\_\_\_\_\_ (could/be) way too hard.
- h) We've had lots of online meeting and the conclusion is that most people  
haven't settled very well with technology. It \_\_\_\_\_  
(couldn't/be) so difficult, since all kinds of trainings have helped employees  
all around the world.
- i) Our kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ (must/be) so messy! We've been out  
of the city for three months due to our working journey.
- j) Taking care of your siblings \_\_\_\_\_ (can't/be) unbearable. You just  
have to be careful.