

Extra Activity – Modal Verbs

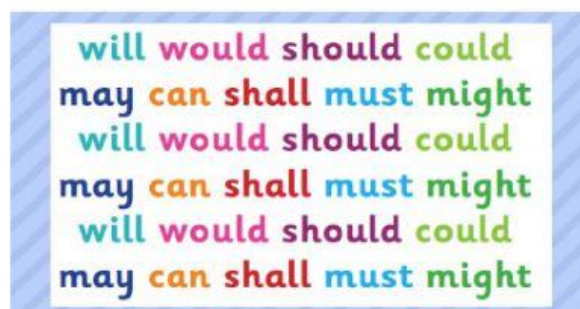


Modal verbs are also called auxiliaries or just modals.

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*.

We can use them in the **present** or **past** tense. It depends on what you need to inform.

MODAL VERBS	
Can Ability, Request	Could Past ability, Suggestion, Future Possibility
May Permission or Future Possibility	Might Present or Future Possibility
Must Necessity or Obligation	Ought to What's Right & Correct
Shall Offer or Suggestion	Should Advice or Uncertain Prediction
Will Willingness, Certainty Prediction or Promise	Would 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.

- c) Alex and Izzie broke up ten years ago. They _____
(may/have) a tough ending, since they haven't kept contact.
- d) 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.