

## MODAL VERBS

(CAN/COULD, MAY/MIGHT, SHOULD, MUST, WILL/WOULD)

<p>São sempre iguais para todas as pessoas, isto é, não têm S na 3<sup>a</sup> pessoa singular;</p>	<p><b>I CAN SWIMM</b> <b>YOU CAN SWIMM</b> <b>SHE CAN SWIMM</b></p>
<p>São sempre seguidos de outro verbo no infinitivo sem o TO!</p>	<p>She <b>MUST STUDY</b> for the test. She <b>MUST TO STUDY</b> for the test.</p>
<p>Nas perguntas, passam para antes do sujeito e nas frases negativas acrescenta-se NOT/N'T</p>	<p><b>May I go to the toilet?</b> <b>You should not /shouldn't be lazy</b></p>
<p><b>CAN:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. pedir ou dar permissão,</li> <li>2. fazer um pedido,</li> <li>3. exprimir capacidade / habilidade no presente</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Can I use your phone?</b> Yes, you <b>can</b>.</li> <li>2. <b>Can you close the door, please?</b></li> <li>3. <b>You can go to the park, now.</b> / <b>I can speak five languages.</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>COULD</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pedir ou dar permissão (mais educação)</li> <li>2. Expressar capacidade, no passado</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Could you close the door, please?</b></li> <li>2. <b>He could write when he was six.</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>MAY /MIGHT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pedir ou dar permissão (educadamente)</li> <li>2. Possibilidade (alta: <b>May</b>)</li> <li>3. Possibilidade (menos provável: <b>might</b>)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>May I use your pen?</b></li> <li>2. <b>They may go to Rome.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Look at those clouds! It might rain this afternoon!</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>MUST/MUSTN'T</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Necessidades</li> <li>2. Exprimir obrigação ou dever moral</li> <li>3. Exprimir proibição</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>I feel sick. I must see a doctor.</b></li> <li>2. <b>You must respect your teachers</b></li> <li>3. <b>You mustn't run in the corridors.</b></li> </ol>

<b>SHOULD</b>	
1. Dar conselhos 2. Obrigaçāo moral	1. <i>You should study more for the test.</i> 2. <i>I think we should apologize</i>
<b>WILL/WOULD</b>	
1. Planos para o futuro 2. Certezas 3. Pedido (=“Request”) e promessas 4. Possibilidade/pedido formal (WOULD)	1. <i>I'll visit London, next summer.</i> 2. <i>I'll see tomorrow, at school.</i> 3. <i>Will you help me with this problem?</i> 4. <i>Would you like a cup of tea?</i>

### Exercises:

#### A. Choose the best option:

1. In the classroom we **must / can** pay attention to the teacher
2. Teacher, **may / might** I close the door? There is too much noise outside.
3. Sónia, you have a test tomorrow. You **should / may** study!
4. Jaqueline **should / can** speak five different languages. That's amazing!
5. **May / Might** I sharp my pencil?
6. I **will / can** see you tomorrow at school.
7. We **must / mustn't** eat inside the classroom.
8. I **must / might** go to the cinema tomorrow. I'm not sure yet.

#### B. Read the sentences and complete with can, must or mustn't.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ use mobile phones in the classroom.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ be quiet in class.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ throw rubbish on the floor.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ walk my dog here.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ take photos here.

**C. Complete each sentence by using the negative form of the modal verb.**

e.g. *I should be quiet in class. I shouldn't mistreat my colleagues.*

1. I **can** speak Italian, but I \_\_\_\_\_ speak Greek.
2. You **should** do your homework, but you \_\_\_\_\_ study at night.
3. Students **must** bring their books to class, but they \_\_\_\_\_ bring their phones.

**D. Give advice for each situation using should or shouldn't:**

1. Your friend has got a terrible toothache.

You \_\_\_\_\_ ! (go to the dentist)

2. We have a Geography test tomorrow.

We \_\_\_\_\_ ! (play computer games)

3. I am very tired.

You \_\_\_\_\_ ! (go to bed)

4. The mobile phone is too expensive.

They \_\_\_\_\_ ! (buy it)

**E. Complete the sentence with the correct modal verb**

1. My father \_\_\_\_\_ cook very well.

You \_\_\_\_\_ dive here. It's too dangerous.

3. You \_\_\_\_\_ be quiet in class.

4. You have a difficult test tomorrow. You \_\_\_\_\_ study hard.

5. Mr. Brown, \_\_\_\_\_ I go to the toilet, please.