

MODAL VERB	USE	MEANING	EXAMPLE
MAY	Formal Permission / Possibility	Something is possible (50-70%)	☒ It may rain today. ☒ You may go now.
MIGHT	Weak Possibility	Something is possible (30-50%)	☒ We might be late. ☒ She might not come.
MUST	Obligation / Necessity	Sure something is 90 - 100% true, Necessary or Prohibition	☒ She must be in the garden. ☒ You must stop smoking. ☒ You mustn't wait here.
CAN	Ability / Possibility / Permission	Someone is able to do something / It's possible	☒ I can swim. ☒ You can see the mountains from here.



- CAN is used for strong ability or real possibilities.
- MAY is more polite/formal than CAN.
- MIGHT shows less certainty than MAY.

1. Choose the correct answer

It ___ rain later, so take an umbrella.

- a) can b) may c) must

She ___ play the guitar very well.

- a) can b) might c) should

We ___ go to the zoo tomorrow if it doesn't rain.

- a) may b) can't c) must

They ___ arrive late because of the traffic.

- a) might b) can c) mustn't

I ___ swim very well.

- a) may b) might c) can

Our teacher says we _____ study for the test if we want to do well.

- a) can b) may c) must

2. Reorganize the Sentence. Rewrite the words in the correct order.

1. rain / it / later / might _____
2. help / I / can / you _____
3. the / may / they / park / visit _____
4. might / tired / feel / you / after / the / walk _____
5. swim / can / dogs _____

3. Circle the correct verb.

- A Don't look now but isn't that Jane Marshall over there?
 B Where?
 A At that table by the window.
 B No, it 'must' / can't be. She went to live in Chicago.
 A But I'm sure it's Jane.
 B Mmm, I suppose it 'can't' / **might** be her. But if it is, she looks much thinner than she used to.
 A Well it 'must' / **can't** be five years since we last saw her. Someone can change a lot in five years!
 B You're right, it is Jane. But who do you think the man is? He 'can't' / **might not** be her husband, can he?
 A No, he 'can't' / **might not** be. They broke up years ago and haven't spoken to each other since.
 B It 'can' / **may** be her new boyfriend – or her son!
 A Shall we go over and find out?



4. Answer in your own words.

1. What can you do that your friends can't?

2. Describe something you might do next weekend.

3. When may you ask for help at school?

4. What places might you visit in your city?
