

MODAL VERBS for YOUNG LEARNERS

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blanks

Choose **can**, **must**, or **may** to finish each sentence.

- A bird _____ fly high in the sky.
- I _____ go to the park tomorrow, but I am not sure.
- You _____ listen to your teacher at school.
- A fish _____ swim, but it can't walk.
- Students _____ be quiet in the library.
- _____ I have an apple, mom?

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks (Negatives)

Choose **can't**, **mustn't**, or **may not** to finish each sentence.

- Elephants are too heavy; they _____ climb trees.
- You _____ run near the swimming pool. It is dangerous!
- Teacher: "No, you _____ watch TV until you finish your homework."
- Cats _____ breathe under water.
- You _____ touch the hot stove. You will burn your hand!
- "I am sorry, but you _____ enter this room without a key."

Exercise 3: Match the Rule

Match the sentence start on the left to the correct ending on the right.

Sentence Part	Ending
1. You must...	a. ...play outside when she finishes her homework.
2. Can you...	b. ...wash your hands before eating.
3. Susan may	c. ...ride a bike?

Exercise 4: Pick the Right Sign

Match the rule or situation to the correct negative word.

- "No Smoking" signs tell us what we _____ do. (*can't* / *mustn't*)
- A broken robot _____ walk or talk. (*can't* / *may not*)
- A polite "No, you _____ have ice cream before dinner." (*mustn't* / *may not*)