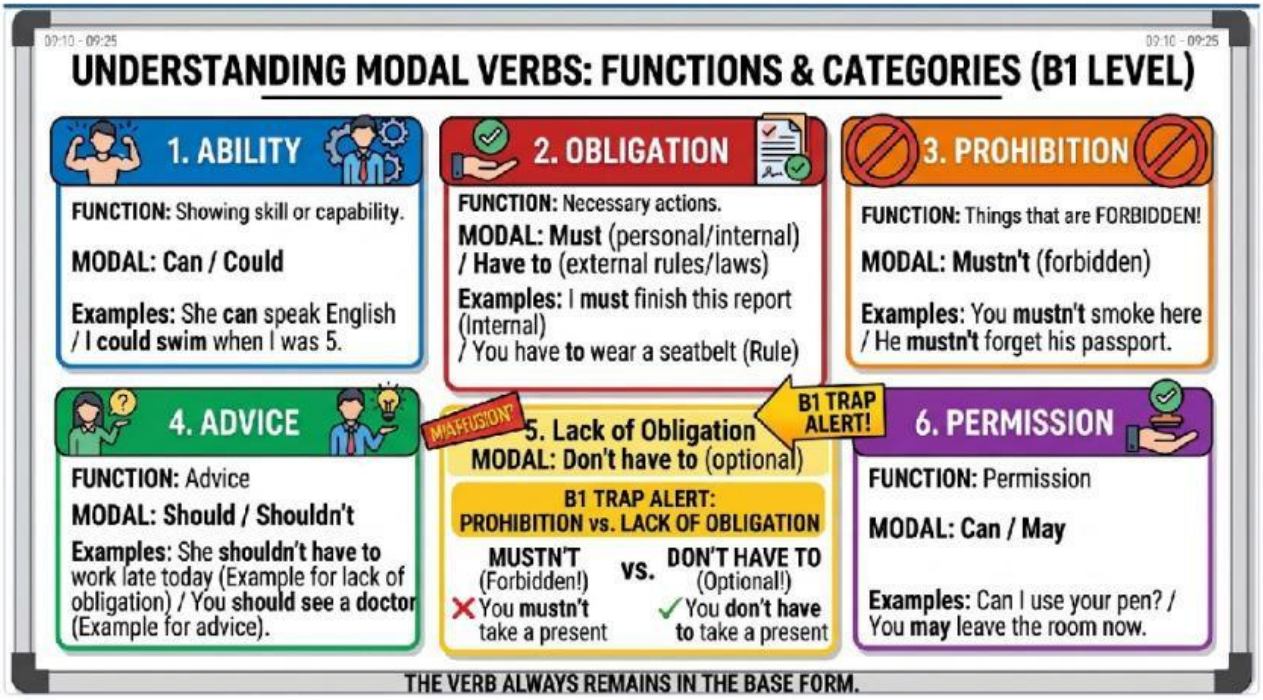
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B1 Preliminary Practice: Modal Verbs

Topics Covered: Ability, Obligation, Prohibition, Lack of Obligation, Advice, and Permission



Exercise 1: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct modal verb (**A**, **B**, or **C**) to complete each sentence.

1. Excuse me, _____ I leave my bag here while I go inside?
   (A) must (B) can (C) shouldn't
2. You _____ talk loudly in the library; it is against the rules.
   (A) don't have to (B) mustn't (C) can
3. My brother is very sporty; he _____ run a marathon in under three hours.
   (A) can (B) must (C) may
4. It's your day off tomorrow, so you _____ wake up early if you don't want to.
   (A) mustn't (B) shouldn't (C) don't have to
5. Sarah looks tired. I think she _____ go to bed early tonight.
   (A) should (B) can (C) must
6. Drivers _____ wear a seatbelt at all times while the car is moving.
   (A) have to (B) can (C) don't have to

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7. When I was younger, I _____ speak any English, but now I'm fluent.

(A) can (B) couldn't (C) mustn't

Exercise 2: Sentence Builder

Use the prompts and your own ideas to form a sentence with modals of advice, permission, obligation, prohibition, or ability.

Example:

0. must / finish / by

I must finish this task by Saturday.

1. **mustn't / use / at church**

2. **should / study / before**

3. **can / borrow / for**

4. **don't have to / wake up / on**

5. **could / swim / when**

6. **may / leave / after**

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