

# Modal verbs

When you see me , copy the sentences into your notebooks.

## ABILITY

She **can** speak six languages.

They **can't** dance very well.



## PERMISSION



**Can** I go to the concert? Yes, you **can**. No, you **can't**.

You **can** swim in the lake if you want.

You **cannot** use your mobiles now.

## PROHIBITION



You **can't** eat in the class.

You **mustn't** smoke in this building.



## OBLIGATION

We **must** recycle to save the planet!

You **have to** do homework until Thursday.

## **DON'T COPY THESE SENTENCES.**

**I. Choose and write the correct modal verb:**

- 0.** I can't ride a bike. I always fall off.  
a. must      b. can't      c. can
- 1.** You look sick, you see a doctor.  
a. must      b. can      c. can't
- 2.** Remember, you are in a library. You speak loudly.  
a. must      b. mustn't      c. can
- 3.** It is going to rain. I take an umbrella.  
a. mustn't      b. can't      c. must
- 4.** We chew gum in class.  
a. mustn't      b. must      c. can
- 5.** You make pancakes if you want.  
a. can      b. can't      c. must
- 6.** Students take tests four times a year.  
a. can      b. must      c. mustn't
- 7.** Sorry, I come tomorrow. I have homework to do.  
a. can      b. can't      c. mustn't
- 8.** Students borrow up to four books at a time.
- 9.** You smoke. It's bad for you.
- 10.** you help me with my homework, please?
- 11.** I go out tonight. I'm babysitting my little cousins.
- 12.** We hurry. I don't want to be late again.
- 13.** you swim? No, I .
- 14.** She's got no time, so she hurry.
- 15.** You leave now if you wish.
- 16.** you open the window a bit, please?
- 17.** you play the guitar?
- 18.** You say things like that to your sister.

**Well done!**