

# Modal verbs

## ABILITY

She **can** speak six languages.

They **will be able to** go to London next week.

## PERMISSION

**Can/May** I go to the concert? Yes, you **can/may**.

**Could** I leave early tonight? No, you **couldn't**.

You **can/may** use your mobiles now.

## PROHIBITION

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

## OBLIGATION

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

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

## NO OBLIGATION

You **don't have to/don't need to** wear uniforms in your school.

He **doesn't have to/doesn't need to** wash the dishes. I've done it.

## GIVING ADVICE

You **should** see a doctor.

What **shall** I do with this cake?

You **shouldn't** eat so much chocolate.



I. Write the correct modal verb:

1. I *may not / can't / don't have to* ride a bike. I always fall off.
2. You look sick, you *should / can / may* see a doctor.
3. Remember, you are in a library. You *must / mustn't / don't have to* speak loudly.
4. Don't forget to take an umbrella. It *may not / can't / might* rain later.
5. We *shouldn't / must / don't have to* chew gum in class.
6. You *may not / can't / don't have to* make pancakes. I've already made some.
7. Students *can / must / may* take exams twice a year.
8. Sorry, I *will have to / can't / will not be able to* come tomorrow.
9. Students *can* borrow up to four books at a time.
10. You really *can't* smoke.
11. Tim *can't* go to school tomorrow. It's Sunday.
12. *Can* you help me with my homework, please?
13. I *can't* go out tonight. I'm babysitting my little cousins.
14. We *must* hurry. I don't want to be late again.
15. *Could* you play swim as a child? No, I couldn't.
16. He *can't* speak Spanish. He's been in Spain for only a week.
17. She's got plenty of time, so she *doesn't have to* hurry.
18. You *can* leave now if you wish.
19. *Could* you open the window a bit, please?
20. *Can* you play the guitar?
21. You *should* practice more if you want to take part in the marathon.
22. You *mustn't* say things like that to your sister.

**Well done!**