

## MODAL VERBS

Modal verbs are types of auxiliary verbs which express necessity, ability, permission or possibility. We also use them to make requests and offers. The most common modal verbs are can, may and must. Modal verbs don't have a past form (except can) and a past participle (3rd form). You can only use them with the present tense. When you use other tenses, you have to replace them.

### CAN - MAY - MUST

**No -s** after he, she, it

He can speak English. - She may go there. - It must sleep now. - My sister can juggle.

**No do, does** in questions and negation

Can you come? Sorry, I cannot. - May he come to your party? No, he must not.

She cannot come at 10.

### REPLACEMENTS

#### CAN – TO BE ABLE TO

I can drive. = I am able to drive.

|               | Present tense      | Past tense   | Present perfect   | Will - future   |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| I             | am able to drive.  | was able to  | have been able to | will be able to |
| He, she, it   | is able to drive.  | was able to  | has been able to  | will be able to |
| You, we, they | are able to drive. | were able to | have been able to | will be able to |

#### MUST – HAVE TO

I must learn. = I have to learn.

|                  | Present tense  | Past tense    | Present perfect    | Will – future       |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| I, you, we, they | have to learn. | had to learn. | have had to learn. | will have to learn. |
| He, she, it      | has to learn.  | had to learn. | has had to learn.  | will have to learn. |

#### MAY – BE ALLOWED TO

I may go out. = I am allowed to go out.

|               | Present tense  | Past tense      | Present perfect      | Will – future      |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| I             | am allowed to  | was allowed to  | have been allowed to | will be allowed to |
| he, she, it   | is allowed to  | was allowed to  | has been allowed to  | will be allowed to |
| you, we, they | are allowed to | were allowed to | have been allowed to | will be allowed to |

## MODAL VERBS 1

**Put the modal verbs into the tenses.**

Present simple: I can speak English.

Past simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Present perfect simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Will-Future: \_\_\_\_\_

Present simple: He must learn for the test.

Past simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Present perfect simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Will-Future: \_\_\_\_\_

Present simple: I may go to the party.

Past simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Present perfect simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Will-Future: \_\_\_\_\_

Present simple: We can help you in the garden.

Past simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Present perfect simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Will-Future: \_\_\_\_\_

Present simple: She may invite friends.

Past simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Present perfect simple: \_\_\_\_\_

Will-Future: \_\_\_\_\_