GRAMMAR

MODAL VERBS

TYPE	MODAL VERBS
ABILITY	CAN, COULD
LACK OF ABILITY	CAN'T COULDN'T
PERMISSION	CAN, COULD, MAY
ADVICE	SHOULD, SHOULDN'T
OBLIGATION	MUST, HAVE TO / HAS TO
PROHIBITION	MUSTN'T
LACK OF NECESSITY	DON'T HAVE TO / DOESN'T HAVE TO
POSSIBILITY	MIGHT, MAY, COULD
OFFERS / REQUESTS	WOULD, MAY, COULD, WILL

	STRUCTURE
AFFIRMATIVE	Subject + **MODAL** + **INFINITIVE VERB** (V1)
NEGATIVE	Subject + **MODAL** + **NOT** + **INFINITIVE VERB** (V1)
INTERROGATIVE (yes / no)	**MODAL** + Subject + **INFINITIVE VERB** (V1)?
INTERROGATIVE (wh-)	**WH-** + **MODAL** + Subject + **INFINITIVE VERB** (V1)?

A. Write a sentence containing a modal has the same meaning as the original one.

1. They *are able to* speak English well. ***They can speak English well.***
2. Steve *is not allowed* to stay out late.
3. *Do* I *have to* clean the kitchen?
4. *Are* you *able to* drive a tractor?
5. We *are not allowed* to swim when the red flag is flying.
6. She *is not able to* read Chinese.
7. Do you think we *are allowed to* park here?

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8. You *don't have to* do this exercise.

9. We *have to* stop when the traffic lights are red.

10. *Am* I *allowed to* ask a question?

B. Use a substitute form for the modal from the drop down menu.

1. We are able to see the tower from our hotel.
   - We the tower from our hotel.
2. We may use a dictionary in the test.
   - We a dictionary in the test.
3. He is not able to play tennis very well.
   - He tennis very well.
4. We must leave Ottawa on Friday.
   - We Ottawa on Friday.
5. She is not allowed to use a smartphone in the hospital.
   - She a smartphone in the hospital.
6. You need not clean the room.
   - She the room.
7. You may not copy my homework.
   - You copy my homework.
8. You are advised to take an extra t-shirt.
   - You an extra t-shirt.
9. He is not supposed to go to bed so late.
   - He to bed so late.
10. Need we go?
    - go?

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Listen to a dialogue between a host and guest. Complete the four requests/offers and replies below.

1. A: you something to drink?

   B: Yes, please. A coffee nice.

2. A: lunch now?

   B: No thanks, I am .

3. A: one of those biscuits over there? They look very tasty.

   B: Yes, of course. .

4. A: my email from your computer? I'm expecting an important message.

   B: the internet isn't working at the moment.

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