

MODAL VERBS

MODAL VERB	USAGE	EXAMPLE
SHOULD / SHOULDN'T (advise/ recommendation)	To give an advice or recommendation .	- You should study more. - You shouldn't drive so fast.
CAN / CAN'T (ability / inability)	To express ability (can) and inability (can't) to do something in the present or future.	- She can speak three languages. - She can't speak Chinese.
COULD (ability in past)	To express general ability in the past .	- I could play tennis when I was younger. - She could speak fluent French when she was 5.
MUST (obligation)	To express obligation .	- Students must wear uniform. - You must use a mask if you go out.
MUSN'T (prohibition)	To express prohibition .	- You mustn't swim in this river. - You mustn't speak loud in the library-

Remember!

Should / Shouldn't : Recomendaciones
(Deberías/ no deberías)

Can/ can't: habilidades
(poder/ no poder hacer algo)

Could: habilidades en el pasado
(pudo/pude)

Must: obligaciones
(tienes que...)

Musn't: prohibiciones
(no tienes que hacerlo)

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Instruction: **Draw a line** to match up the different **modal verbs** to their **uses**.

To express obligation.

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Can/can't

To give an advise.

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Could

To express ability or inability.

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Mustn't

To express ability but in
past.

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Must

To express prohibition

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Should/shouldn't

Instruction: Fill in the gaps using one of the words below.

should - shouldn't - can - can't - must - musn't - could

1. My sister _____ ride a bike very well.
2. In our school students _____ wear a uniform.
3. Students _____ use their phones during the exam.
4. He _____ swim well when he was younger.
5. Sorry, I don't understand. I _____ speak Spanish.
6. You _____ eat junk food every day, it's not healthy.
7. You look sick, you _____ see a doctor.