

INTRODUCTION

Modal verbs are a part of the larger category called *auxiliary verbs* which are verbs that cannot be used on their own. *They need to be accompanied by another (main) verb.*

The following words are modal verbs: **Can, Could, May, Might, Must, Shall, Should, Will, Would**

Modal verbs are used to express *ability, obligation, permission, assumptions, probability and possibility, requests and offers, and advice*. Each modal verb can have more than one meaning which depends on the context of that sentence (or question).

A Modal verb is followed by another verb in the base form (the infinitive without the 'To') and **they are not conjugated** (we don't add an 'S' in third person).

STRUCTURE



Subject + Modal Verb + Verb

"You should slow down your speed."

Put these sentences in order:

1. can / play / My sister / the piano

2. rain / It / later / might



Subject + Modal Verb + **not** + Verb

"They will not get there on time"

Put these sentences in order:

1. shall / You / pass / not

2. go / party / He / to / can't / the



Modal Verb + Subject + Verb

"Can I go to Tom's house?"

Put these sentences in order:

1. help / May / you / I

_____?

2. we / begin / Shall

_____?