

MODAL VERBS

Type	Modal Verbs	Examples
ABILITY	Can, Could	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David can speak three languages.• He could speak fluent French when he was 5.
PERMISSION	Can, Could, May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can I sit in that chair please?• Could I open the window?• May I borrow your dictionary?
ADVICE	Should	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You should visit your dentist at least twice a year.• You should try to lose weight.
OBLIGATION	Must, Have to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I must memorize all of these rules about tenses.• You have to take off your shoes before you get into the mosque.
POSSIBILITY	Might, May, Could, Can	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It looks nice, but it might be very expensive.• Richard may be coming to see us tomorrow.

may, must and must not Choose the correct modals to complete the school rules.

- 1 Students *must/mustn't* smoke in the school building.
- 2 Students *may/mustn't* borrow up to five books from the school library.
- 3 Students *may/must* come to lessons prepared.
- 4 Students *may/mustn't* fight or use bad language.
- 5 Students *may/mustn't* take part in after school activities.
- 6 Students *mustn't/must* damage school equipment.
- 7 Students *must/mustn't* wear shorts or miniskirts.
- 8 Students *must/may* arrive at their classrooms on time.

have to/not have to, can/can't Choose the correct verbs to complete the text .

I go to a music school. I'm learning to play the guitar so I ¹*have to/don't have to* practise every day. I ²*have to/can* be very careful with my fingers: I ³*don't have to/can't* play basketball or volleyball but I ⁴*can/have to* swim. The good thing is that I ⁵*have to/don't have to* bring my own guitar - the school has a lot of instruments. At weekends our school band often gives concerts and I ⁶*have to/can't* play too.

have to/not have to, can/can't Complete the sentences with *can, can't, have to or not have to*.

- 1 In the library you have to be quiet and you _____ eat or drink.
- 2 When you go to the theatre, you _____ arrive on time but you _____ wear casual clothes.
- 3 If you are a musician, you _____ practise every day and usually you _____ sleep until noon.
- 4 In the museum, you _____ touch the paintings but you _____ buy souvenirs in the museum shop.
- 5 When you are at a concert, you _____ have a ticket but you _____ sing along and dance.
- 6 On a plane you _____ walk around. You _____ wear a seatbelt.