

## Modals

Modals are a kind of Helping Verb:

Modal:	Purpose:	Explanation
<b>Can/Could</b>	Ability	You <u>can</u> do it because you have the <u>ability</u> .
<b>May:</b>	Permission	<u>May</u> indicates if you have <u>permission</u> to do it.
<b>Might:</b>	Possibility	There is a small chance (<25%).
<b>Should:</b>	Propriety	The <u>proper</u> or right way of doing something.
<b>Must:</b>	Need	You <u>have</u> to do something (usually fulfilling a <u>need</u> ).
<b>Would:</b>	Conditional/Politeness	<u>If</u> <u>something</u> <u>happens</u> <u>first</u> <u>then</u> <u>I</u> <u>will</u> <u>do</u> <u>it</u> .
<b>Shall:</b>	Promise	When you <u>promise</u> to try something in the future.
<b>Ought to:</b>	Advice	Advice or an opinion about the right way to do a thing.

**Exercise A: Modals:** Identify the modals in the following sentences and indicate their

**Purpose on the right.**

Modal	Sentence	Purpose
	1. He <u>shall</u> bring the food very soon.	
	2. We <u>can</u> definitely win the championship game.	
	3. I <u>can</u> speak a little Spanish.	
	4. You <u>should</u> stop smoking because it is bad for you.	
	5. <u>May</u> I sit down now?	
	6. I <u>can</u> play basketball very well.	
	7. I <u>must</u> go now.	
	8. <u>Can</u> you help me lift the couch?	
	9. I <u>ought</u> to tell the truth to the teacher.	
	10. <u>Could</u> you pass me the ketchup?	

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