

MODAL VERBS

(CAN/COULD, MAY/MIGHT, SHOULD, MUST, WILL/WOULD)

São sempre iguais para todas as pessoas, isto é, não têm S na 3ª pessoa singular;	I CAN SWIMM YOU CAN SWIMM SHE CAN SWIMM
São sempre seguidos de outro verbo no infinitivo sem o TO!	She MUST STUDY for the test. She MUST TO STUDY for the test.
Nas perguntas, passam para antes do sujeito e nas frases negativas acrescenta-se NOT/N'T	<i>May I go to the toilet?</i> <i>You should not /shouldn't be lazy</i>
CAN: 1. pedir ou dar permissão, 2. fazer um pedido, 3. exprimir capacidade / habilidade no presente	1. <i>Can I use your phone? Yes, you can.</i> 2. <i>Can you close the door, please?</i> 3. <i>You can go to the park, now. / I can speak five languages.</i>
COULD 1. Pedir ou dar permissão (mais educação) 2. Expressar capacidade, no passado	1. <i>Could you close the door, please?</i> 2. <i>He could write when he was six.</i>
MAY /MIGHT 1. Pedir ou dar permissão (educadamente) 2. Possibilidade (alta: May) 3. Possibilidade (menos provável: might)	1. <i>May I use your pen?</i> 2. <i>They may go to Rome.</i> 3. <i>Look at those clouds! It might rain this afternoon!</i>
MUST/MUSTN'T 1. Necessidades 2. Expressar obrigação ou dever moral 3. Expressar proibição	1. <i>I feel sick. I must see a doctor.</i> 2. <i>You must respect your teachers</i> 3. <i>You mustn't run in the corridors.</i>

SHOULD 1. Dar conselhos 2. Obrigação moral	1. You should study more for the test. 2. I think we should apologize
WILL/WOULD 1. Planos para o futuro 2. Certezas 3. Pedido (=“Request”) e promessas 4. Possibilidade/pedido formal (WOULD)	1. I'll visit London, next summer. 2. I'll see tomorrow, at school. 3. Will you help me with this problem? 4. Would you like a cup of tea?

Exercises:

A. Choose the best option:

1. In the classroom we **must / can** pay attention to the teacher
2. Teacher, **may / might** I close the door? There is too much noise outside.
3. Sónia, you have a test tomorrow. You **should / may** study!
4. Jaqueline **should / can** speak five different languages. That's amazing!
5. **May / Might** I sharp my pencil?
6. I **will / can** see you tomorrow at school.
7. We **must / mustn't** eat inside the classroom.
8. I **must / might** go to the cinema tomorrow. I'm not sure yet.

B. Read the sentences and complete with can, must or mustn't.

1. We _____ use mobile phones in the classroom.
2. I _____ be quiet in class.
3. You _____ throw rubbish on the floor.
4. I _____ walk my dog here.
5. I _____ take photos here.

C. Complete each sentence by using the negative form of the modal verb.

e.g. I **should** be quiet in class. I **shouldn't** mistreat my colleagues.

1. I **can** speak Italian, but I _____ speak Greek.
2. You **should** do your homework, but you _____ study at night.
3. Students **must** bring their books to class, but they _____ bring their phones.

D. Give advice for each situation using should or shouldn't:

1. Your friend has got a terrible toothache.
You _____! (go to the dentist)
2. We have a Geography test tomorrow.
We _____! (play computer games)
3. I am very tired.
You _____! (go to bed)
4. The mobile phone is too expensive.
They _____! (buy it)

E. Complete the sentence with the correct modal verb

1. My father _____ cook very well.
2. You _____ dive here. It's too dangerous.
3. You _____ be quiet in class.
4. You have a difficult test tomorrow. You _____ study hard.
5. Mr. Brown, _____ I go to the toilet, please.