

MODAL VERB	USE	MEANING	EXAMPLE
MAY	Formal Permission / Possibility	Something is possible (50-70%)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It may rain today. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You may go now.
MIGHT	Weak Possibility	Something is possible (30-50%)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We might be late. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> She might not come.
MUST	Obligation / Necessity	Sure something is 90 - 100% true, Necessary or Prohibition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> She must be in the garden. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You must stop smoking. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You mustn't wait here.
CAN	Ability / Possibility / Permission	Someone is able to do something / It's possible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I can swim. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You can see the mountains from here.



- CAN is used for strong ability or real possibilities.
- MAY is more polite/formal than CAN.
- MIGHT shows less certainty than MAY.

### 1. Choose the correct answer

It \_\_\_ rain later, so take an umbrella.

- a) can      b) may      c) must

She \_\_\_ play the guitar very well.

- a) can      b) might      c) should

We \_\_\_ go to the zoo tomorrow if it doesn't rain.

- a) may      b) can't      c) must

They \_\_\_ arrive late because of the traffic.

- a) might      b) can      c) mustn't

I \_\_\_ swim very well.

- a) may      b) might      c) can

Our teacher says we \_\_\_\_\_ study for the test if we want to do well.

- a) can      b) may      c) must

## 2. Reorganize the Sentence. Rewrite the words in the correct order.

1. rain / it / later / might \_\_\_\_\_
2. help / I / can / you \_\_\_\_\_
3. the / may / they / park / visit \_\_\_\_\_
4. might / tired / feel / you / after / the / walk \_\_\_\_\_
5. swim / can / dogs \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Circle the correct verb.

- A Don't look now but isn't that Jane Marshall over there?  
 B Where?  
 A At that table by the window.  
 B No, it 'must' / can't be. She went to live in Chicago.  
 A But I'm sure it's Jane.  
 B Mmm, I suppose it 'can't' / **might** be her. But if it is, she looks much thinner than she used to.  
 A Well it 'must' / **can't** be five years since we last saw her. Someone can change a lot in five years!  
 B You're right, it is Jane. But who do you think the man is? He 'can't' / **might not** be her husband, can he?  
 A No, he 'can't' / **might not** be. They broke up years ago and haven't spoken to each other since.  
 B It 'can' / **may** be her new boyfriend – or her son!  
 A Shall we go over and find out?



## 4. Answer in your own words.

1. What can you do that your friends can't?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe something you might do next weekend.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When may you ask for help at school?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What places might you visit in your city?  
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