

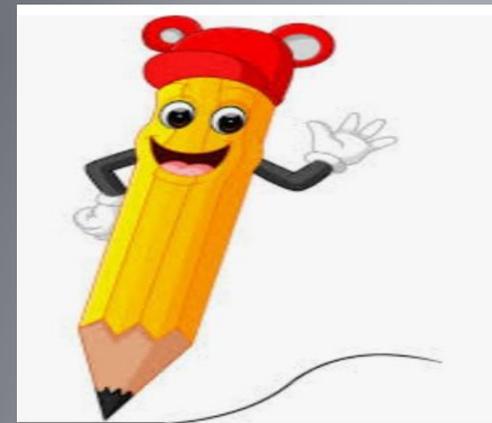


Modal verbs

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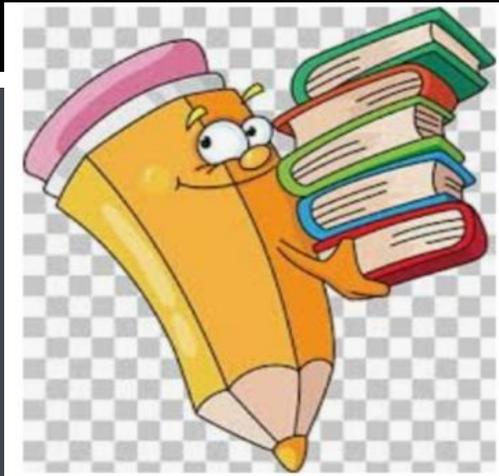


MODAL VERBS

1. DEFINITION

2. STRUCTURE

3. HOW TO USE





1. Definition

A modal verb is a type of auxiliary verb that is used to indicate modality –that is likelihood , ability , permission or possibility

List of modal verbs

Can

May

Will

Shall

Could

Ought to

Must

would



2. Structure

use the **basic form or infinitive** of the main verbs **after the modal verbs**



Subject	Modal verb	Main verb	complement
I		go	to sleep
We	Must		
They	Can	drink	some water
You	Should		
He	May	eat	some food
She	will		
it		do	some exercise

Modal verbs

a. Modal verbs do not add "s" or "es" to the third person singular.

He can
swim



~~He cans
swim~~



Modal verbs

b. Modal verbs don't need auxiliaries to form negative and question

ex:- *she should stay.*

~~*She doesn't should stay*~~ → *she shouldn't stay*



c. Modal verbs don't have infinitives or – ing form

Ex:- ~~*–canning*~~



~~*–to might*~~



Modal verbs

03 . How to use

can

use

example

ability / possibility → They **can** manage their own work

impossibility → We **can't** fix it.

asking for permission → **Can** I go there ?

request → **Can** you help me?



Modal verbs



Could

use

example

Permission



Could I borrow your dictionary

Request

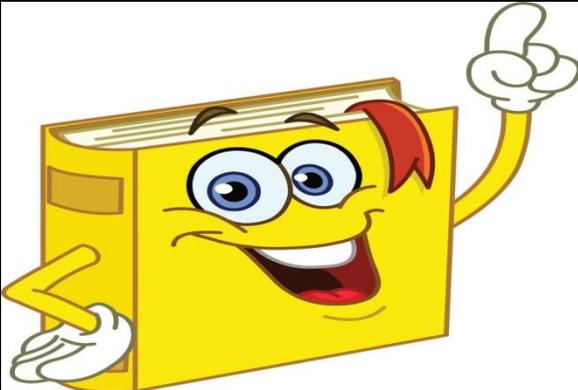


Could you say it again more slowly?

Possibility



I think we could have another tea



Modal verbs



May

use

example

permission

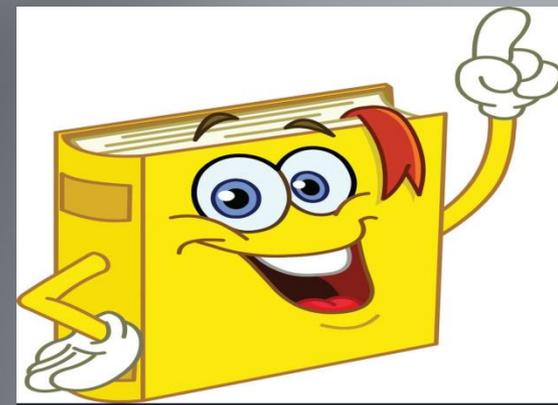


May I have a another cup of tea?

possibility



I may finish my homework within an hour



Modal verbs

Might

use

Possibility



example

We'd better phone tomorrow , they might be eating their dinner by now.



Modal verbs

OUGHT TO

use

example

Saying what's right or correct → she **ought to** finish the work by next week



Modal verbs

Shall

use

example

Offer



Shall I help you with your luggage?

Suggestion



Shall we say 2.30 then?

Permission



Shall I do that or will you?



Modal verbs

Should

use

Saying what's right or correct →

Possibility →

example

We should solve this problem.

Fees should be decreased by next year



Modal verbs



will



use

example

Decisions



I can't find a taxi, I will walk

Offer



I will do that for you if you like

Promise



I will come back on Monday

Modal verbs



Would

use

example

Permission



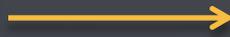
would you mind if I take a friend with me?

Request



would you mind waiting for a moment?

Invitation



would you like to play basketball
this Friday ?

Exercise 01

01. You **must** (*coming /come /came*) back home early.
02. My mother **can** (*cooked /coking/cook*) seafood hotpot .
03. I **may** (*finish/finished /finishing*) my homework today.
04. **Should** I (*turning /turned / turn*) off the TV?
- 05 . My daddy **will** (*bought /buy /buying*) me a robot.



Exercise 02



Underline the correct answer.

01. Alex grew up beside the sea. He Swim when he was four years old.

- a. can*
- b. might*
- c. could*

02. I think everyone has arrived now.we start?

- a. should*
- b. shall*
- c. would*

03. You should buy a lottery ticket. yoube lucky, who knows .

a .could

b. might

c. should

04. Your grandmother will be 80 next week. Yousend her a birthday card.

a .ought to

b. should

c. might

05. Excuse me.you tell me the way to the post office please?

a. could

b. can

c. should

o6. When I lived in Toronto I Walk to the office

- a. can
- b. might
- c. could

o7. I can't find my dictionary I borrow yours please?

- a. can
- b. may
- c. could

o8. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Do you think you arrive on time.

- a. will
- b. would
- c. might



Answers 01



01. Come

02. Cook

03. Finish

04. Turn

05. Buy



Answers 02

1. *Could*

2. *Shall*

3. *Might*

4. *Should*

5. *Can*

6. *Could*



7. *May*

8. *Will*

