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## Modal Verbs

**L.O** To be able to use modal verbs.

**SC:**

- Identify what modal verbs are
- Change sentences through the use of different verbs
- Use modal verbs to reinforce points

Modal verbs - A type of verb that is used to express ability, possibility or obligation.

e.g.

*You may leave the building.*

*You can't leave the building.*

*You should leave the building.*

## Modal Verbs

- Can
- Can't
- May
- Will
- Would
- Could
- Have to
- Has to
- Don't have to

- Should not
- Ought to
- Would like to
- Would prefer
- Would rather
- Dare
- Need
- Shall
- Need not

- Doesn't have to
- Must
- Must not
- May not
- Might
- Might not
- Could not
- Had better
- Should

<b>CAN</b>	ability	I <b>can</b> speak English.
	permission	<b>Can</b> I go to the toilet?
	probability (0%)	It <b>can't</b> be Susan. She is in Paris
<b>COULD</b>	past ability	She <b>could</b> speak Chinese when she was 5 years old.
	past permission	She <b>could</b> go to the cinema.
	probability (30%)	It <b>could</b> get much colder in January.
	request, offer or suggestion	<b>Could</b> I go to the toilet? I <b>could</b> lend you my dictionary.
<b>MAY</b>	probability (50%)	It <b>may</b> rain tomorrow.
	permission	<b>May</b> I go to the cinema with you?
<b>MIGHT</b>	probability (30% or less)	It <b>might</b> snow today.
<b>MUST</b>	prohibition	You <b>mustn't</b> play with that. It's dangerous.
	deduction / probability (100%)	The visitor <b>must</b> be Daniel. I've seen his car outside.
<b>SHOULD</b>	advice	You <b>shouldn't</b> smoke. It's bad for your health.
<b>WILL</b>	prediction	I think he <b>will</b> study harder this time.
	spontaneous decision	Oh, it's very cold in here. I' <b>ll</b> close the window.

How is the modal verb changing the meaning of each sentence?

*Mary can go to the cinema.*

*Mary might go to the cinema.*

*Mary can't go to the cinema.*

How is the modal verb changing the meaning of each sentence?

Steve *will* fetch his children.

Steve *should* fetch his children.

Steve *won't* fetch his children.

Change the modal verb in each sentence to change the meaning of the sentence.

Anna might go on holiday in July.

Sarah has to fetch her car from the garage.

The children must wear their coats.

Change the modal verb in each sentence to change the meaning of the sentence.

Wendy will get the drinks.

Andrew ought to put his shoes away.

Joe could not see his parents.



# Activity sheet