



MODALS

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We **can/will be able to** go to the concert tomorrow.

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I wish I **could** go with you tomorrow.

I **could have bought** that car.(but I didn't)

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HAVE TO (external)pr./fut
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I **must** be at home by 11 o'clock.
We **have to** study for a test.
He **had to** tidy his room last night. (Did he ...?)

Necessity

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Lack of
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MUSTN'T +V

You **mustn't** eat that!

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TO +V**

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SHOULD/UGHT TO+V
(pr./fut.)

We **should/ ought to** eat less fast food.

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| Prohibition Lack of necessity | MUSTN'T +V DON'T/DIDN'T HAVE TO +V | You mustn't eat that! You don't have to eat that. (you can if you want to but it's not necessary) |
| Advice Criticism | SHOULD/UGHT TO+V SHOULD/UGHT TO+have Ved/3 (past) | We should eat less fast food. You should have studied harder. |