

MODAL VERBS



CAN – CAN' T

It is used to:

★ Express ability / inability in the present

Ex^o They can / can't run very fast.

★ Ask / give / refuse permission

Ex^o Can I borrow your collar?

-Yes, you can. / No, you can't.



COULD – COULDN'T

It is used to:

★ Express ability / inability in the past

Ex° They could / couldn't bark very loud when they were puppies.

★ Ask permission politely/Make polite requests

Ex° Could I sit on your lap, please?

Ex° Could I have some more food, please?



MAY – MAY

NOT

It is used to:

★ Express possibility

Ex° They may bite you.

★ Ask / give / refuse permission (formal)

Ex° May I have a snack?

-Yes, you may. No, you may not.



MUST - MUSTN'T

It is used to:

★ Must - Express obligation

Ex^o They must go home.

★ Mustn't - Express prohibition

Ex^o They mustn't pee in here.



EXERCISE - 1

► **Underline the correct option.**

1. I **can** / **must** go to the doctor. I'm feeling ill.
2. You **could** / **may** open your books.
3. **May** / **Must** I have some more tea?
4. They **can't** / **mustn't** give alcohol to the animals.
5. That collar is too expensive. We **can't** / **may not** buy it.
6. You **must** / **mustn't** be home by 10 o'clock. I'll be waiting for you.
7. I'm afraid I **may not** / **can't** go to the dentist with you.
8. **May** / **Can** I take your dog to the vet?
9. I've already told you! You **can't** / **couldn't** eat any more sweets!
10. Yes, you **may** / **must** go out with your friends.



EXERCISE - 2

► Complete the sentences with the correct Modal Verb.

1. You pull the dog's tail.
2. you help me with this dog food?
3. She Run very fast when she was 4 years old.
4. I open the window, please?
5. you pass the milk, please?
6. You close the door! Let the dogs come in!
7. You do better if you weren't so lazy.
8. He is very strong! He lift very heavy objects.
9. You go to bed so late! It's bad for you!
10. I correct the exercise, teacher?

