

Modal Verbs



Our aims are

- To know...

- To learn...



Modal verbs

- **Must** должен
- **Have to** вынужден
- **Ought to** следует
- **Need** нужно, нуждаться
- **Should** следует
- **Can/ could** мочь, уметь / мог, умел
- **May/might** можно

Main meanings

- **Must** – obligation imposed by the speaker / logical assumption
- **Have to** – obligation imposed by a situation (external obligation)
- **Ought to** – moral obligation denoting a duty, advice or a reasonable action

- **Need to** – necessity
- **Should** – suggestion, advice
- **Can** – possibility
 - ability
 - permission
- **Could** – past possibility, ability
 - asking for permission
- **May** – request
 - permission
- **Might** – possibility (higher degree of doubt)
 - polite suggestion

Today's lesson
will be about
modal verbs.

Do we need to
take notes?

May we start
after lunch?



Suggestion предложение

- You *could* talk to your parents about whether or you *should* marry her.
- You *might* consider taking up meditation to help you sleep better.
- *Shouldn't* we have a pizza instead?
- What *should* I do today?



Advice COBET

- You *should* brush your teeth twice a day.
- We *could* meet for dinner at the weekend.
(less strong)
- We *ought to* take a taxi, it's too far to walk.
- You *had better* study for the exam tomorrow.



Offer предложение

- *Shall* we dance?
- *Would БЫ* you like to join my friends and I tonight?



Ability способность

- I *can* dance and sing.
- I *can't* pilot a ship.
- I *am unable* to find the schedule for today.
- I knew I *was able to* win before we started playing.

Will be able



Possibility ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ

- Smoking *can* cause cancer.
- John *could* be fired for stealing.
- I *may* see you tomorrow before you leave.
- I *might* go swimming after work today. (less probable)



Permission разрешение

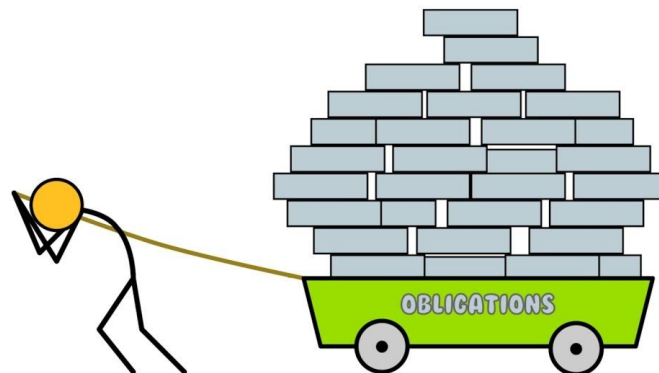
- *Can* I wear my sunglasses in my work uniform today?
- *May* I please have a glass of water?
- *May* is formal, more polite and better to use.



Obligation обязанность

- You *must* be at work tomorrow before 8:00.
- You *mustn't* be late.
- I *have to* go to see the Doctor in the morning.

WHAT IS OBLIGATION?



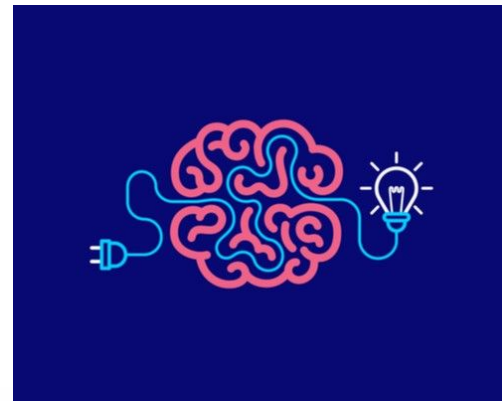
Lack of Obligation

- You *don't have to* clean your room today.
- You *needn't* water the garden this evening.
It's going to rain tonight.
- *Needn't* is less common.



Deduction/Conclusion умозаключение

- He *must* live near here because he comes to work on foot.
- You're going to China? That *should* be interesting. (less certain)
- It *can't* be a burglar. All the doors and windows are locked.



Prohibition запрет

- You *can't* park here, sir.
- You *can* wear jeans but you *can't* wear trainers in that bar.
- You *mustn't* speak when the teacher is speaking.
- You *may not* have dessert until you finish your dinner.



Request просьба

- ▣ *Can / Could / Will / Would* help me with the bags?



Affirmative / negative differences

Have to (obligation) / **don't have to** (lack of obligation)

Must (obligation) / **mustn't** (prohibition)

Need to (necessity) / **don't need to** (lack of necessity)

Can (possibility) / **can't** (impossibility / logical assumption)

Ex.1a p.68

1 a Match the sentences (1-7) with their meanings (A-G).

- E**

1	
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 You mustn't drop litter in the streets.
- C**

2	
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 You can't use your camera in here, I'm afraid.
- F**

3	
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 You have to have a licence to own an exotic pet.
- B**

4	
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 I don't have to use my car every day.
- G**

5	
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 We should/ought to/had better cycle to school.
- D**

6	
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 You shouldn't leave the tap running when you're brushing your teeth.
- A**

7	
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 We must try to save energy at home and at work.

A It's important for you to do so.

B It's not necessary/obligatory.

C You don't have permission.

D It's not a good idea – I don't recommend it.

E It's not allowed.

F It's the law.

G It's the best/right thing to do.

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Use modal verbs and the verbs in the list to explain the signs.

- leave
- smoke
- go in
- recycle
- swim



▶ *You mustn't leave litter here.*