

Modal Auxiliaries

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Modal auxiliaries go with another **verb** and add meaning.

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be able to: can/indicates the ability to do something

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be going to: will/means future plans

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There are other expressions that are similar to modal auxiliaries: **be able to**, **be going to**, and **have to**.

Jack **is able to** ice skate very well.

He **is going to** skate in an exhibition.

He **has to** practice to do well.

have to: must/indicates a necessity

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be able to + verb

Affirmative and negative

I	am able to	walk
We/You/They	am not able to	
He/She/It	is able to is not able to	

Are you **able to walk** on the road?

Yes, I **am able to walk** on it. It's wide enough.

No, I'**m** not **able to walk** on it. It's too narrow.

Is he **able to speak** Spanish?

Yes, he **is**.

No, he **isn't**.

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be going to + verb

Affirmative and negative

I	am going to am not going to	eat
He/She/It	is going to is not going to	
We/You/They	are going to are not going to	

Are you **going to** **eat** dinner with Jane?

Yes, I **am**.

No, I'**m** not. I'**m going to** **eat** with Mary.

I'**m going to** **learn** how to cook next week.

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Have to expresses strong obligation. The obligation comes from an outside source like a law, a rule at school or someone of authority.

You **have to** get a passport for international travel.

She **has to** be home by midnight.

I don't **have to** do the dishes. I have a dishwasher.

We **have to** write two papers this semester.

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has to/have to + verb

Affirmative and negative

I	have to	leave
We/You/They	don't have to	
He/She/It	has to doesn't have to	

Do you **have to** leave?

Yes, I **have to** leave.

No, I **don't have to** leave.

Do they **have to** work tomorrow.

Yes, they do.

No, they don't.

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Can, could, might, must, will, should and would are modal auxiliary verbs. **Modal + verb**

Do you think your sister-in-law **would** cut my hair?

I think she **would**. I **could** call and ask her.



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Affirmative and negative

I/He/She/It	can	might	will	help
We/You/	can't	might not	won't	
They	could	must	should	
	couldn't	must not	shouldn't	

Can you **help** me?

Yes, I **can**.

No, I **can't**.

Would you **carry** my bags? They are heavy.

Yes, I **would** love to help you.

Sorry, I **can't** help. I **must** leave now.

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Modal Auxiliary Verbs

can → **ability / polite question**

Can you **cook**?

Yes, I **can** **cook** many things.

No, I **can't** **cook**.

Can you **drive** me to school, please?

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Modal Auxiliary Verbs

can



ability / polite question

could



ability in the past / polite question

I **could** drive when I was fifteen.

Could you give me a ride home?

If not, I **can** ride my bike.

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Modal Auxiliary Verbs

can



ability / polite question

could



ability in the past / polite question

might



possibility

Do you think it **might** rain soon?

Yes, I think it **might** rain tomorrow.

No, I don't think so.

I **might** go to Paris next year.

They **might** not pass the class.

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Modal Auxiliary Verbs

can	→	ability / polite question
could	→	ability in the past / polite question
might	→	possibility
must	→	requirement

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Ugh! **Must** I **wash** all these dishes right now?
Yes, you **must**. Our guests are coming soon.
No, you can do it later.

You **must** not **run** in the hall!

Modal Auxiliary Verbs

can	→	ability / polite question
could	→	ability in the past / polite question
might	→	possibility
must	→	requirement
will	→	future event

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Will you **call** the plumber for me?

Yes, I **will call** the plumber for you.

No, I **won't**. I have to leave. Greg **will call** her.

I **will meet** you in five minutes.

Modal Auxiliary Verbs

can	→	ability / polite question
could	→	ability in the past / polite question
might	→	possibility
must	→	requirement
will	→	future event
should	→	advisability

Shouldn't you exercise more?

Yes, I **should**, but I'm too tired.

No, I **shouldn't**. I have a bad cold.

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can	→	ability / polite question
could	→	ability in the past / polite question
might	→	possibility
must	→	requirement
will	→	future event
should	→	advisability
would	→	polite question

Would you please **read** this letter?

Yes, I **would** be happy to.

I **can't** **read** it right now. I **'ll** **read** it later.

Click on the best choice to complete the response to the statement.

My car wouldn't start yesterday.

shouldn't

incorrect

couldn't

correct

I couldn't go to school yesterday.

couldn't indicates a past ability

shouldn't indicates advisability

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Click on the correct sentences:

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|---|-----------|
| Ed is able to play the violin. | correct |
| Ed must to play the violin. | incorrect |
| Mary could to ice skate when she was six. | incorrect |
| Mary could ice skate when she was six. | correct |
| We aren't able walking to school. | incorrect |
| We aren't able to walk to school. | correct |
| We should study to get good grades. | correct |
| We shouldn't study get good grades. | incorrect |

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The End

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