

MODAL VERBS

TYPES and USES

| TYPE and USE | Modal Verb | Examples |
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| ABILITY | Can, Could | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can speak English.• He could run 10 km, now he has lost practise. |
| PERMISSION | Can, Could, May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can't go out tonight.• May I sit here?• Could you help me? |
| ADVICE | Should | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You should do your homework.• I shouldn't drink alcohol. |
| OBLIGATION | Must, Have to | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People mustn't smoke in class.• We don't have to go to the party if we don't want to. |
| POSSIBILITY | Might, May, Could, Can | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It might rain today.• Rachel may come to the party if she feels better. |