

# MODAL VERBS MAPS

MODAL VERB	USE/SITUATION	EXAMPLE
Can	Ability Possibility Permission Request	I can swim It can rain tomorrow Can I go out, please? Can I have some pasta, please?
Could	Permission Request Suggesting Ability in the past	Could I go out please? Could you give me your mobile phone, please? We could go to the cinema I could climb mountains when I was young
May	Future possibility (more probable)	He may come to the party
Might	Future possibility (less probable)	He might come to the party
Must	Obligation Prohibition	You must wear a crash helmet when cycling You mustn't park here
Shall	Offers Suggesting	Shall I close the window? Shall we go to the cinema?
Should	Advice	You should study a lot for your exams
Will	Previsions Immediate decisions Promises	It will rain tomorrow I will go to the cinema alone I promise I will be good
Would	Offers Expressing preferences	Would you like some sweets? I'd like to go to the pub tonight

MUST / HAVE TO	MUSTN'T	DON'T HAVE TO
Obligation - <i>You must finish your homework</i>	Prohibition - <i>You mustn't talk during the lesson</i>	No obligation (It's not necessary) – <i>you don't have to listen to me</i>

## Note

- *Must* – internal obligation (you think that something is necessary)
- *Have to* – external obligation (a law or another person says that something is necessary)