

MUST

MIGHT

MAY

WILL = 'LL

WOULD = 'D

CAN

COULD

SHALL

SHOULD



rules

1  
INFINITIVES COME  
AFTER MODAL VERBS  
BUT WITHOUT 'TO'

I MIGHT EAT PIZZA

I CAN PLAY FOOTBALL



2

MODAL VERBS TAKE  
NO 'S' IN THE 3RD  
PERSON SINGULAR

SHE MUST LEAVE

IT MIGHT HAPPEN



3

MODAL VERBS DO NOT  
CHANGE THEIR FORM  
ACCORDING TO TENSE



4

WE USE MODAL VERBS IN  
NEGATIVE SENTENCES  
LIKE WE DO OTHER  
AUXILIARY VERBS  
(WITHOUT THE WORD 'DO')

SUBJECT	MODAL VERB	NOT	VERB
YOU	MUST	NOT	EAT MY FOOD
I	CAN	NOT	SPEAK FRENCH



# 4

MIGHT  
MUST  
MAY

MIGHT NOT  
MUST NOT  
MAY NOT

MIGHTN'T  
MUSTN'T  
(NONE)

CAN  
COULD

CANNOT  
COULD NOT

CAN'T  
COULDN'T

WILL  
WOULD

WILL NOT  
WOULD NOT

WON'T  
WOULDN'T

SHALL  
SHOULD

SHALL NOT  
SHOULD NOT

SHAN'T  
SHOULDN'T



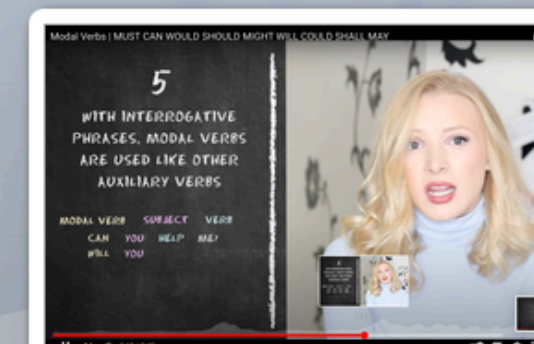
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WITH INTERROGATIVE  
PHRASES, MODAL VERBS  
ARE USED LIKE OTHER  
AUXILIARY VERBS

MODAL VERB	SUBJECT	VERB	
CAN	YOU	HELP	ME?
WILL	YOU	LET	HIM?



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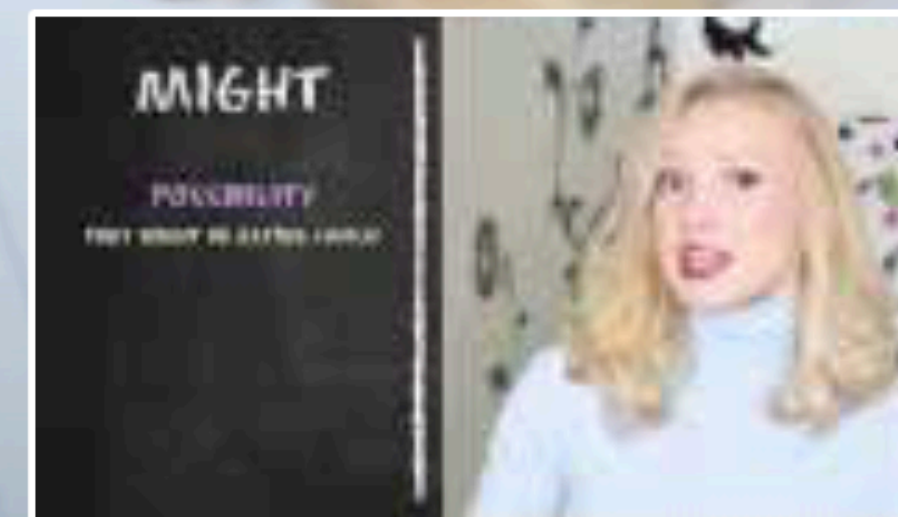
**modal verbs**

# MIGHT

## POSSIBILITY

THEY MIGHT BE EATING LUNCH

SHE MIGHT GIVE US A DISCOUNT



❖ Am häufigsten mehrfach wiederholt

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MAY

POSSIBILITY

THE TEACHER MAY BE LATE TODAY

PERMISSION

MAY I LEAVE NOW?



# MUST

PROBABILITY/  
LOGICAL ASSUMPTION

SHE MUST BE STUCK IN TRAFFIC

NECESSITY

I MUST GO HOME RIGHT NOW

PROHIBITION

YOU MUST NOT SMOKE HERE



WILL

FUTURE TIME

I WILL LEAVE AT 7 O'CLOCK

PROMISE/WILLINGNESS

I WILL GIVE MONEY TO  
CHARITY THIS CHRISTMAS

WILL YOU HELP ME WITH THIS?



# WOULD

## POLITE QUESTION

WOULD YOU HELP ME WITH THIS?

INVITATIONS/PREFERENCES/  
DESIRES

DESIRES

I WOULD LIKE A CUP OF TEA

WOULD YOU PREFER APPLES

OR ORANGES?



# CAN

ABILITY

I CAN SPEAK ENGLISH

SUGGESTION/OPTION

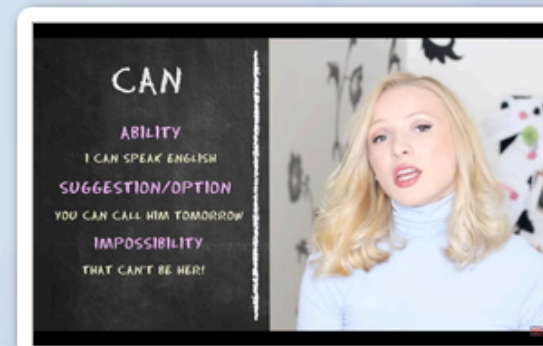
YOU CAN CALL HIM TOMORROW

IMPOSSIBILITY

THAT CAN'T BE HER!

REQUEST

CAN YOU HELP ME?



# COULD

## PAST ABILITY

I COULD DO TRIGONOMETRY

5 YEARS AGO

## POLITE QUESTION

COULD I CALL YOU?

## POSSIBILITY/IMPOSSIBILITY

SHE COULD BE HERE

SHE COULDN'T BE HERE

## SUGGESTION

YOU COULD TRY DOING THIS





SHALL

OFFER

SHALL I HELP YOU WITH THAT?

CONFIRMATION

I SHALL MEET YOU THERE

AT MIDNIGHT

PROMISES

YOU SHALL BE THE FIRST

PERSON TO KNOW



# SHOULD

## RECOMMEND

YOU SHOULD TRY THIS NEW BAR

THE RIGHT THING TO DO

WE SHOULD DEAL WITH THIS  
RIGHT NOW

## UNCERTAIN PREDICTION

HE SHOULD BE HOME SOON  
BUT I'M NOT SURE

