

MODEL VERBS

Model verbs, also known as modal auxiliary verbs, are a special type of verb that is used to express a variety of modal meanings, such as possibility, necessity, permission, and obligation. Modal verbs are always used in conjunction with another verb, called the main verb.

The nine most common modal verbs in English are:

Can, Could, May, Might, Will, Would, Must, Shal, Should, Ought to

Each modal verb has a unique meaning and usage. Here is a brief overview of each modal verb:

Can is used to express ability or possibility. For example:

- I can speak English and French.
- It might rain tomorrow.

Could is used to express ability, possibility, or politeness. For example:

- I could help you with your homework.
- Could you please pass the salt?

May is used to express possibility, permission, or politeness. For example:

- It may rain tomorrow.
- May I come in?
- You may have a piece of cake.

Might is used to express possibility or uncertainty. For example:

- She might be late for work.
- I might go to the movies tonight.

Will is used to express future certainty, intention, or willingness. For example:

- I will be there in five minutes.
- Will you help me with this project?

Would is used to express past habits, hypothetical situations, or politeness. For example:

- Every morning, I would wake up early and go for a run.
- I would love to help you, but I'm too busy.

Must is used to express necessity or obligation. For example:

- You must finish your homework before you go outside.
- We must protect the environment.

Shall is used to express future plans or suggestions, especially in formal contexts. For example:

- **Shall** we go to the movies tonight?

- The meeting **shall** begin at 10:00 AM.

Should is used to express advice, obligation, or expectation. For example:

- You should eat your vegetables.
- I should have studied more for the test.

Ought to is used to express obligation or advisability, especially in formal contexts. For **example:**

- The government **ought** to do more to help the poor.
- You **ought** to apologize to your friend.

Exercise 1 – Fill in the blanks with the correct modals

1. I ___ arrange the flowers for the bouquet. (may/can)
2. ___ I borrow this pen from you? (may/might)
3. The teacher ___ ask you to bring the homework. (might/can)
4. According to the weather forecast, it ___ snow heavily tomorrow. (may/shall)
5. Raj hasn't studied well. He ___ fail his exam. (might/shall)
6. You ___ follow the traffic rules. (may/must)
7. It ___ be difficult to live amidst war. (should/must)
8. My mother ___ scold me if I don't go back on time. (will/may)
9. We ___ take care of our parents. (ought to/ could)
10. I ___ visit the local grocery store soon. (shall/can)
11. You ___ be punctual. (should/ought)
12. One ___ repay all their debts. (must/ought to)
13. ___ you show me the road to the market? (could/might)
14. The child ___ be taken to hospital immediately. (must/might)
15. ___ you have hot chocolate? (shall/will)