

# Modal Verb

- Can 、 Could 、 May 、 Might 、  
Must 、 Shall 、 Should 、  
Ought to 、 Will 、 Would

# Can

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
CAN	They can control their own budgets.	Ability / Possibility
	We can't fix it.	Inability / Impossibility
	Can I smoke here?	Asking for permission
	Can you help me?	Request

# Could

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
Could	Could I borrow your dictionary?	Asking for permission.
	Could you say it again more slowly?	Request
	We could try to fix it ourselves.	Suggestion
	I think we could have another Gulf War.	Suggestion
	He gave up his old job so he could work for us.	Ability in the past

# May

Modal	Verb	Example	Uses
May		May I have another cup of coffee?	Asking for permission
		China may become a major economic power.	Future possibility

# Might

Modal	Verb	Example	Uses
Might		We'd better phone tomorrow, they might be eating their dinner now.	Present possibility
		They might give us a 10% discount.	Future possibility

# Must

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
Must	We must say good-bye now.	Necessity / Obligation
	They mustn't disrupt the work more than necessary.	Prohibition

# Ought to

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
Ought to	We ought to employ a professional writer.	Saying what's right or correct

# Shall

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
<b>Shall</b> (More common in the UK than the US)	Shall I help you with your luggage?	Offer
	Shall we say 2.30 then?	Suggestion
	Shall I do that or will you?	Asking what to do



# Should

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
Should	We should sort out this problem at once.	Saying what's right or correct
	I think we should check everything again.	Recommending action
	Profits should increase next year.	Uncertain prediction

# Will

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
Will	I can't see any taxis so I'll walk.	Instant decisions
	I'll do that for you if you like.	Offer
	I'll get back to you first thing on Monday.	Promise
	Profits will increase next year.	Certain prediction

# Would

Modal Verb	Example	Uses
Would	Would you mind if I brought a colleague with me?	Asking for permission
	Would you pass the salt please?	Request
	Would you mind waiting a moment?	Request
	"Would three o'clock suit you?" - "That'd be fine."	Making arrangements
	Would you like to play golf this Friday?	Invitation
	"Would you prefer tea or coffee?" - "I'd like tea please."	Preferences