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Getting along

Modals and related verbs 1 • Hot verb *get* • Exaggeration and understatement

STARTER

Modal verbs have many meanings. Match a sentence in A with a meaning in B.

A	B
1 D He can ski.	a permission
2 B You can't pay by check.	b advice
3 C You must stop at the intersection.	c obligation
4 B You must see the movie.	d ability
5 E He must be rich.	e probability
6 F I'll help/I won't help you.	f (un)willingness
7 B You should exercise more.	
8 E It will be a good party.	
9 E It might rain.	

WE CAN WORK IT OUT

Modals and related verbs

- Look at the pictures. Who are the people? What are they talking about?
- CD3 2** Read and listen to the two conversations. Underline all the modal verbs. What are their meanings?
- CD3 3** Listen to two similar conversations. After each one say which expressions are used instead of the modal verbs.

GRAMMAR SPOT

- Match the modals in the box with their related expressions.

should ought to may must won't can will might could

be allowed to *manage to* *be able to* *be bound to*
If I were you, I'd ... *promise to* *refuse to* *have to*
Why don't you ...? *had better* *be likely to*

- Put the sentences into the past and future.

*She **can** speak Spanish.* *He's **able to** speak three languages.*

*I **must** go.* *I **have to** go.*

► Grammar Reference p. 143

What the ...

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- A What the ... where do you think you're going?
 B What do you mean?
 A Well, you can't turn right here.
 B Who says I can't?
 A That sign does. "Do Not Enter." Can't you read?
 B Hey, I couldn't see it, OK?
 A Then you should get your eyes checked. You don't belong behind the wheel!

I can never forget

2

- A I think you should swallow your pride and forgive and forget.
 B Never! I won't.
 A You'll have to in the end. You can't ignore each other forever.
 B I might forgive him, but I can never forget.
 A It must be possible to talk it over, and work something out. Say you will for the sake of the children.
 B Oh, I just don't know what the best thing to do is.