

USE	MODALS			
ABILITY	Can	Could (past)		
POSSIBILITY	Can (general or theoretical)	Could	May	Might (less probable than <i>may</i>)
PERMISSION	Can	May (formal)		
REQUEST	Can / Could	Will (formal)	May (formal)	Would (formal)
OBLIGATION	Must (imposed by the speaker)	Have to		
LACK OF OBLIGATION	Don't have to	Needn't		
DEDUCTION / CONCLUSION	Must	Should (less certain)	Can't	
PROHIBITION	Mustn't	Can't	May not	
ADVICE	Should	Ought to (formal / old use)	Might	Could
OFFER	Shall	Would		
SUGGESTION	Shall	Would	Should (formal)	

EXAMPLES

1. She **can** drive a lorry.
2. You **don't have to** get up early on Saturday.
3. Look at the snow; it **must** be cold outside.
4. You **mustn't** smoke here.
5. I **might** get a job soon.
6. **Shall** we go to the theatre this evening?
7. **Will** you please help me with my homework this afternoon?
8. You **have to** be at school at 8:45.
9. If you want to pass English, you **should** study hard.
10. Helen hasn't come to school since Monday. She **must** be ill.
11. **Can** you take me to the bus station?
12. You **may** only use a pen during the exam.
13. I **had to** go to school very early when I was in England.
14. It **may** not rain again this Winter.
15. It's very cold outside; you **ought to** wear a coat.

USE

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