

Unit 7 – Let's travel

MODAL VERBS (modal verb + infinitive)

- ABILITY

Can (present) = I can speak English / I can't speak Japanese / I'm able to speak English (+formal)

Could (past) = I could play the flute / I couldn't play the guitar / I was able to play the flute (+formal)

Will be able to (future) = I will be able to speak French in some years. I won't be able to speak Chinese in the future.

- POLITE REQUESTS

Can (+informal) -- Can I use my phone at class?

Could (+formal) -- Could I use my phone at class, please?

May – May I use my phone at class, please?

- POSSIBILITY – IMPOSSIBILITY

Can / can't (present) -- You can take the bus to go the city centre. You can't take the underground to go to the city centre.

Could / couldn't (past) -- The bus was empty, so I could get on it. / The bus was crowded so I couldn't take it.

- OBLIGATION

Must (present / future) = You must wear a uniform at school.
You must arrive home before midnight.

Have to (present, past, future...) = You have to / She has to
stop before the signpost. Yesterday I had to stop before the
signpost. Tomorrow I will have to stop before the signpost.

- PROHIBITION

Mustn't (present, future) = You mustn't smoke in public
places.

- LACK OF OBLIGATION

Don't have to (present, past, future)

You don't have to bring your books for the next class.

He doesn't have to bring his books...

You didn't have to bring your books last Monday.

You will / won't have to bring your books

- ADVICE / WARNING

Should / shouldn't = You should study for your exam. You
should do sport, it's good for your health.

You shouldn't eat too many sweets.

Had better (not) = You had better (not) cross the road now.

- SPECULATE POSSIBILITY

May -- I'm not sure, I may go to the cinema or to the theatre.

Might – I don't know, but he might be in the supermarket.

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS: We often use them when the subject and object of a verb are the same. Also for emphasis.

I	myself
You	yourself
He	himself
She	herself
It	itself
We	ourselves
You	yourselves
They	themselves

I teach __myself__ how to play the piano

We can entertain __ourselves__

My mum sometimes talks to __herself__

They blamed __themselves__ for what happened.