

## **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.