**FUNCTIONS OF MODAL VERBS (explained in more details)**

**1.OBLIGATION = obveza**

**MUST = strong obligation  
HAVE TO = general obligation  
SHOULD = mild obligation (advice)**

**1. I must do my homework. (I feel like this)**

**I have to do my homework. (sbd. else told me to)**

**2. HAVE TO = connected to law, rules, legislation**

**You have to wear a seat-belt.**

**You have to wear a mask indoors.**

**3. HAVE TO/MUST = had to = (past)**

**HAVETO/MUST = will have to = (future)**

**4. You must do that/lose weight (if you are a teacher, a doctor, a boss, somebody in authority)**

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**2.PERMISSION = dovoljenje**

**CAN (true modal verb)**

**BE ALLOWED TO (alternative expression)**

**3.ABILITY = zmožnost**

**CAN (true modal verb)**

**BE ABLE TO (alternative expression)**

**CAN = is used in present time**

**CAN – COULD - /////// (for passives + perfect tenses)**

**//////// = been able to/been allowed to**

**Ul can speak English well. (Present simple)**

**Ul could speak English quite well when he was 12. (Past simple)**

**Ul has been able to speak English since he was really young.**

**BE ABLE TO (ability)/ BE ALLOWED TO (permission) are used to replace the modal verb CAN (ability/permission) in all perfect tenses in passives or when used as a gerund or infinitive.**

**Being able to speak English fluently can help you get a better job. (gerund)**

**I’d like to be able to speak Italian fluently (infinitive)**

**CAN – COULD/WAS -WERE ABLE TO/WAS – WERE ALLOWED TO- Past simple (ko gre za nekaj posebnega)**

**I could read when I was eight.**

**My little brother was able to play the piano when he was 5 years old.**

**4.ADVICE = nasvet**

**SHOULD/OUGHT TO (formal) = mild obligation**

**MUST = strong advice**

**You should/must see this film.**

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**5.LACK OF NECESSITY = ni potrebno**

**NEEDN'T / DON'T/DOESN'T HAVE TO**

**You needn't do this HW/ You don't have to this HW.**

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**6.PROHIBITION = prepoved**

**CAN'T/MUSTN'T = ne smeš**

**(NOT ALLOWED TO) = an alternative expression**

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**7.WILLINGNESS = pripravljenost**

**WILL = I will help you when you need me.**

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**8.REQUEST = prošnja**

**CAN/COULD/MAY**

**Can/Could I/you/he answer this question?**

**May I/we (1 st person sg & pl – usually) go out later?**

**9. SUGGESTION = predlog**

**SHALL we go out?  
LET'S celebrate.**

**THE SECOND MEANING OF MODAL VERBS**

***MUST; CAN'T; MAY; MIGHT; COULD; SHOULD HAVE***

1. **LOGICAL DEDUCTION = logično sklepanje**

**MUST = gotovo je**

**CAN'T = gotovo ni**

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**MUST ≠ CAN'T**

**He must (gotovo je) be rich. He has a private plane.**

**He can't (gotovo ni) be English. He has a strong accent.**

1. **POSSIBILITY/PROBABILITY = verjetnost**

**COULD/MAY/MIGHT**

**Where is Tom? He may /could/might be at home. 60 - 90% possibility)**

1. **CRITICISM = očitek/kritika**

**SHOULD HAVE (past form)**

**You should have studied more. You should have told me all the facts.**

**You should study. (advice)**