VERBOS MODALES

They are used to express ability, obligation, possibility

Tipos

would

Caracteristicas

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verb+ría

Used as a polite invitation or to offer

Describe a prediction (hypothetical situations)

Modos de uso

I would drink if you drive

how would understand you if don´t read correctly?

They would not win because we are the stronger.

Would you like some more tea?

I would be happy to help you with preparation for your exam.

Would you like to go to the movies with me tonight?

may

Caracteristicas

[mei]

to ask for permission

to suggest something is possible

To express (future) possibility

Speculate about past actions (May + have + past participle)

Modos de uso

I may travel after class

may you buy the cramshaft this summer?

I may not get up early on friday

I think he may win the competition.

I think she may have missed her plane.

May I sit on this chair

must

Caracteristicas

Sound: UK - [most]   US-[mast]

para expresar obligacion y prohibicion

Se traduce como "deber"

El deber -must- es impuesto por el hablante o quien escribe

You must call me early ¿o.k?

El semimodal have to tambien expresa obligacion pero impersonal *"have to wear uniform at work"*

Modos de uso

+ Subject-must- infinitive verb
- Subject-must not- infinitive verb

Employees must arrive at 6:45 am

You mustn't mix Coca-Cola with milk

Expresar un deber moral

You must respect your parents

Dar consejos o recomendaciones

you must read this paper

Expresar necesidad fuerte

I must buy a electric coil

Deducciones Afirmativas

You have money you must be happy

can

Caracteristicas

Is used to express ability or to say that some thing is possible

It can be cheap the weekend (= It is sometimes cheap)

you can lose easly you way at night (=people often lose you their way)

Birds can fly-ability

Well, I think your car can be repaired-possibility

Modos de uso

We use the negative can't or cannot to show that something is impossible:

I cannot be a slave

We can use could as the past tense of can

you could burn the engine (=Drivers burned their cars last year)

We use could to show that something is possible in the future,

If we don't have dinner at Buga. I could prepare turkey tonight.

To offer to do something for others

I can do your homework

should

Caracteristicas

We use should and shouldn't to give advice or to talk about what we think is right or wrong

Students shouldn´t watch RCN or Caracol channels

Modos de uso

To give advice, a recommendation or suggestion

You should make an appointment with the dentist.

I think you should study for the test

You really should go to the new restaurant on Bello Expresses an obligation that is not as strong as Must.

You should be at work before 9 You should pay more attention in class. On hearing the fire alarm, hotel guests should leave their room immediately.