# Understanding Modal Verbs in English

Modal verbs are a special class of auxiliary verbs that express different degrees of possibility, necessity, obligation, or permission. They play a crucial role in conveying nuanced meanings in the English language.



## Common Modal Verbs

#### May/Might

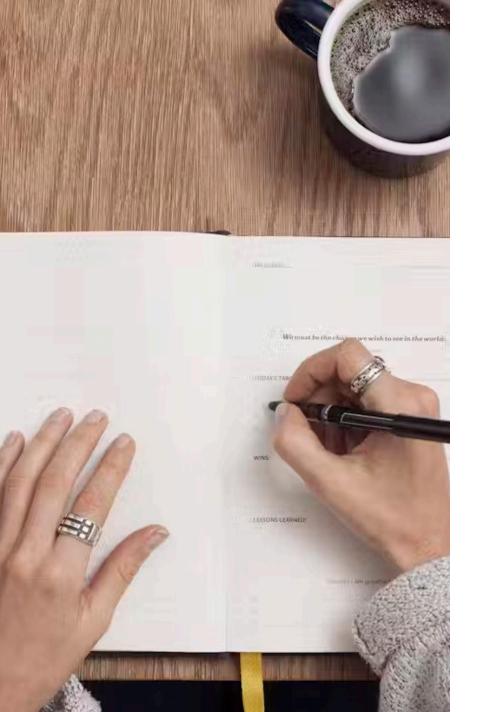
Indicate permission or possibility.

#### Can/Could

Express ability, permission, or possibility.

#### Will/Would

Convey willingness, intention, or habit.



#### **Functions of Modal Verbs**

Possibility

Modal verbs like "may" and "might" express uncertainty or possibility.

Obligation

Modal verbs like "must" and "should" indicate a requirement or duty.

Ability

Modal verbs like "can" and "could" convey one's capability or skill.



### **Using Modal Verbs Correctly**

**1** Be Consistent

Use modal verbs consistently within a sentence or paragraph.

2. Avoid Redundancy

Ensure modal verbs don't overlap or contradict each other.

**3** Consider Context

Choose the appropriate modal verb based on the specific meaning you want to convey.