



AUXILIARIES

(The Helping Verbs)



Primary Auxiliary
Modal Auxiliary

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These helping verbs can also become Main Verb.

As HV no meaning.

As MV full of meaning.

Is am are, was were

Do does did

Has have had

Modal Auxiliary

These helping verb can never become Main verb

As HV full of meaning

Always followed by Verb 1st form

Shall should will would can could used to
Ought to may might need dare & must.



Should

Base: modal auxiliary

Rule: should + V 1

Purpose: suggestion/ advice

You should toil for your success.

He should not mock at others.

*Q:

Should in past

Should in past = A Regret/ pity feelings

Rule: Should+have+V₃

You should have informed me.

She should have reached for the interview on time.

They shouldn't have said this.

Should I have invited everyone?

*Supposed to



B: modal

R: is/am/are + supposed to +V1

P: assigning duties /expected responsibility

You are supposed to complete your assignment on time.

She is not supposed to report the management daily.

Am I supposed to fill log books?

** Variables*



Must

B: modal

R: modal + V₁

P: to order & something very important



You must work in the office till 5

You must see a doctor

She must not waste her time further.

Have to

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B: a present simple structure

R: has to / have to + V₁

P: order, something important and Compulsion

You have to work in the office till 5

You have to see a doctor

They have to get up early

She has to do house-chores.

Negatives made by DO/ DOES

She does not have to sit here.

*Df

* *Variables*

Used to (1)

B: modal

R: used to + V₁

P: a past routine/activity/habit which is no more now.

He used to chew betel leaf and nuts.

They used to reside at Nazimabad.

I used to be stubborn.

*negatives & interrogatives

Used to (2)

B: an adjective

R: is/am/are + used to + V ing.

P: something or an activity that you are habitual of doing now in PRESENT.

We are used to attending classes here.

He is used to playing jilt with others.

I am not used to tolerating such acts.

Are used to bearing load-shedding in your city?

*Ts



Will

B: modal

R: will + V₁

P: 4 cases

1. a decision

We will send our parents to perform Hajj.

I will be a doctor.

2. 100% surety

(with an expression of surety)


Definitely I will call you tonight

Surely

Certainly

It is confirmed that

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3. 50% possibility
(with an expression of doubt)

Maybe.....I will call you tonight.

Perhaps

Probably

I think that

4. Prediction

Eid will be on 21st of September.

The weather will be dry for a week

*Be



Can

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B: modal

R: can + V₁

P: 5 purposes

1. Present ability


He can type with sixty wpm

She can sing well.

2. Present possibility (very near future)

Don't drive fast, it can be dangerous

If you drive fast, you can still catch your flight.



3. Offer

Can I help you?

4. Request

Can you do me a favor?

5. Restriction

It is a reserved seat so you can't sit here.

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Could

B: modal

R: could + V 1

P: 3 different purposes.

1. Past repeated activity

She could sing well at her prime.

He could play with toys in his childhood.

2. Request in Present

Could you please do me favor?

3. Future possibility (mild one)

It could be difficult for you to persuade your parents for a guitar.

The power crises could get worse in a few months.



May

B: modal

R: may + V1

P: 4 purposes

1. A future possibility (hopefully)

It may rain soon.

He may join us in a few weeks.



2. Taking permission

May I say something?



3. Giving permission

You may go now

You may ask questions

4. Restriction

You may not ask question while the briefing.

Students may not chew in classroom.



Might

B: modal

R: might + V₁

P: something that is not decided yet.

We might spend our summer vacations this year in Japan or Malaysia.



Afridi has got an injury so he might play in the forthcoming test match.

Would

B: modal

R: would + V 1

P:

Something that is according to expectation

The fog would get thicker in future.

Next summer would be more severe than ever.

The University would announce the results in four weeks.

His wound would heal soon.



Would with Like

To talk about present priority


Waiter: what would you like sir/madam?

Customer: I would like some coffee.

Or

I would like to take some coffee.

offer



Would you like to join us?

Would you like to say a few words on this issue?

Desire

I would like to see the Pyramids?

I would definitely like to meet him?