

조동사의 용례

Verb	Use	Example
<i>can</i>	Ability	I <i>can</i> play the piano.
	Opportunity	We <i>can</i> watch TV in the evenings.
	Request	<i>Can</i> you help me, please?
	Offer of help	<i>Can</i> I help you?
	Permission	You <i>can</i> go now.
	General possibility	Maths <i>can</i> be fun.
	Impossibility	The story <i>can</i> be true.
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<i>could</i>	Past ability	I <i>could</i> play the piano when I was five.
	Possible ability	If I had a camera, I <i>could</i> take a photo.
	Suggestion	We <i>could</i> meet tomorrow.
	Request	<i>Could</i> you help me please?
	Asking permission	<i>Could</i> I ask a question?
	Past permission	You <i>could</i> park here years ago.
	Possibility	The plan <i>could</i> go wrong.
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<i>must</i>	Necessity	You <i>must</i> be careful.
	Logical certainty	You <i>must</i> be tired.
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<i>need</i>	When something is not necessary	We <i>needn't</i> hurry.
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<i>should</i>	The right thing to do	You <i>should</i> revise before the exam.
	Probability	It <i>should</i> be fine tomorrow.
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<i>ought to</i>	The right thing to do	You <i>ought to</i> revise before the exam.

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<i>may</i>	Possibility	The plan <i>may</i> go wrong.
	Uncertain intention	We <i>may</i> move house.
	Permission	<i>May</i> I ask a question.
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<i>might</i>	Possibility	The plan <i>might</i> go wrong.
	Uncertain intention	We <i>might</i> move house.
	Request/criticism	You <i>might</i> help me.
<i>will</i>	The future	The post <i>will</i> be here soon.
	Assumption	The letter <i>will</i> be somewhere in this file.
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<i>would</i>	A possible situation	A holiday <i>would</i> be great.
	A past refusal	The doorman <i>wouldn't</i> let us in.
	Looking forward from the past	No one knew what would happen next.
	Past habits	Every weekend we would go to the cinema.
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<i>shall</i>	Asking what to do	What <i>shall</i> we do?
	The future	I <i>shall</i> be away next week.
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<i>dare</i>	Being brave enough	I didn't <i>dare</i> climb up.