

Modals are is a special group of verb which we add to another verb base.

These verbs add special meaning to the main verb. Most of you have studied these verbs already, so this is a quick reminder. You should know the modal on this page for the next quiz.

Modal Verbs-Special Verbs you need to know

Meanings

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| I can swim | This is about an ability. |
| Can I swim? | This is a request. (Less formal) |
| I may swim later. | This is about a possibility. |
| May I swim with you? | This is a request (formal and a little out of date) |
| I might swim later. | This is another possibility. |
| I have to swim daily. | This shows a strong need or necessity to swim. |
| I will swim later. | This shows a decision to swim in the future. |
| I had to swim yesterday. | This showed a past need to swim. |

How do we form verbs with modals?

In the sentences above the **main verb** is **swim**. When we use modals we never make changes to the main verb. Also most of the time the modals don't change.

I/you he/She/It/We/They can swim.

I/you he/She/It/We/They may swim.

I/you he/She/It/We/They might swim.

I/you he/She/It/We/They will swim.

Have to is an **exception**. The base verb doesn't change but the modal changes. We use have to, has to, had to and will have to.

I'm sorry but I **have to** go now.

He **has to** go soon.

Yesterday I **had to** leave before class was finished.

You **will have to** know these for the next grammar quiz.

Exercise

Use **may, can, have to, had to, might, will** and the verb given to complete the sentences. In some cases more than one answer is possible.

1. If you don't pass the IELTS the first time, you (try) again as many times as you want.
2. I'm not sure but during the Eid, I (go)to Dubai and visit some relatives.
3. I (study) harder for the next Progress Test because I want my grade to be better.
4. Last week we (take) a grammar vocabulary quiz in the ILC.
5. Teacher I want to leave the room. I (go) to the toilet.
6. In the 2nd Progress Test you (write) an opinion composition.
7. My brother cancelled his dentist appointment. He (make) a new appointment.
8.anyone(remember)the last vocabulary we studied yesterday?
9. I feel tired. I (go) to sleep for an hour if I don't feel better.
- 10.You never know; the final exam (be) easier than the progress tests.
11. I'm going to have a pizza whatyou(have)?
12. Olympic sportsmen (practice) for many years.
13. The map says we (turn) Left but I don't see the road.
14. He (swim),but he doesn't know how to surf.

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15. I found a little kitten. It (belong)to my neighbor.
16. Last week I (take) my brother to the hospital.
17. His homework was really bad. Now he (do) it again.
18. I need a break. I (be) Back in a few minutes.
19. Excuse me Director. I (speak) with you?
20.I (have) this last Coke?

Sure.

More Modals

The modal above are not the only Modals.

You may not be tested on other modals, but you should know them. They are very useful and you probably already know many of them.

Other Modals

I **must** be on time for exams.

Must is strong necessity. Like **have to**

You **must not** talk in exams.

Must not means don't do something.

I **should** study a bit more.

Should shows obligation. Not as strong as must or have to.

I **ought to** study a bit more.

Ought to is like **should**; it shows need.

Would

Could you **help** me?

Polite request or way of asking.

Simple Tense Practice

Choose the most appropriate answer .

Choose the best verb form to make a logical sentence.

1. You drive fast in the rain because you may have an accident.
a. should b. must c. can't d. must not
2. Watch out. They just painted the wall. You touch it.
a. should b. shouldn't c. can d. have got to
3. I don't know what I'm going to do this weekend. Igo to the mall or I may visit friends in Dubai.
a. might b. couldn't c. shouldn't d. had to
4. If you are very sick, you go to the hospital and see a doctor.
a. ought b. had to c. has to d. should
5. Isee you tonight. I should get there about 8:30.
a. ought b. will c. would d. have
6. Excuse me; you open the door for me? My arms are full of books.
a. may b. have to c. could d. ought
7. I'm sorry there was a loud noise. I didn't hear what you said.you repeat it?
a. Could b. Have to c. Shall d. Ought to
8. My brother is getting married next month. I remember to buy him a gift soon.
a. had to b. would c. can't d. must
9. I to get to the mall before it closes. I really need to buy a few things.
a. has b. should c. must not d. have
10. Where I put this, so Ali can find it easily?
a. have to b. should c. ought to d. must not
11. It's really hot in here. You turn on the AC before I start to sweat.
a. ought b. should c. would d. had to
12. Hurry up! The taxi is waiting and weleave for the airport now.
a. would b. must not c. have to d. might

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13. I took driving lessons and got my license, so now I drive to college every day.
a. must not b. can c. has to d. should to
14. Excuse me teacher, I have a doctor's appointment. I leave class 30 minutes early today?
a. Have to b. Cannot c. Ought to d. Could
15. When I was very young I was sick a lot so I play football, but now I'm okay and I play on a team.
a. could b. can c. couldn't d. have to
16. My car is getting repaired because there is something wrong with the engine. I use yours for a few days?
a. Can c. Must c. Have d. Will
17. The police told me that I have any more traffic problems or they would take my license for 2 years.
a. don't have to b. must c. have to d. must not
18. The teacher will give some extra classes. We go but we can if we want extra help.
a. don't have to b. must c. have to d. must not
19. Ali: I lost my ID card.
Ahmed: Did pay for a new one?
a. you had to b. you have c. you has to d. you have to
20. Ali: Are you going to the party tonight?
Ahmed: I have something to do around 7 ,but I later.
a. don't have b. may go c. might goes d. must not
21. I have some water? I'm really thirsty.
a. must drink b. Can be c. May d. Won't
22. Yesterday I my hair.
a. cuts b. should cuts c. had to cut d. could cutted
23. a few minutes before the class ends?
a. I leaving b. May I leave c. Can I leaves d. Could leave I

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24. When I was a child Istay home from school whenever I wanted.
- a. can b. may c. have to d. could
25. Excuse me, tell me where the Sheraton Hotel is?
- a. may you b. ought you c. can d. could you
26. A: We don't have any milk and I need some.
B: Don't worry. get some.
- a. I'll b. I couldn't c. Must I d. Should I to
27. If I were rich, I buy you an expensive car.
- a. could b. can c. had to d. will
28. I should stay home and study tonight, but I
- a. must not b. might not c. will d. can
29. A: I feel really sick.
B: I take you home?
- a. Shall b. Ought c. Will d. Would
30. I'm not sure about my holiday plans. Ihome..
- a. may stay b. had to stay c. should to stay d. might to stay