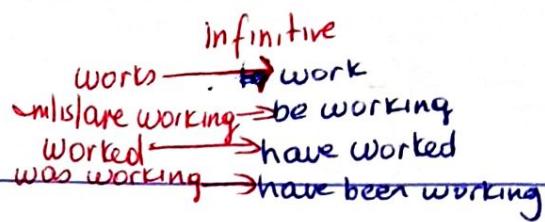


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Modals



Must 1. Personal opinion

I think, suppose, assume, I am sure → must

I think he works hard → He must work hard (affirmative)
Can he work hard?

I don't think he works hard → he can't work hard.
Can't express negative personal opinion = I don't think,
I don't suppose.

2. Obligation

I must wash my hair tonight

The work must be done before tomorrow.

May - Might (more uncertain, more doubt).

1. It's likely
Perhaps
It's possible

} May

For possibility now / in the future.

2. Permission eg May I ask a question?

3. may / might (just) as well = to have no strong reason not to
eg There's nothing to do, so I may as well go to bed.

Might have + pp = it could have happened but it didn't

eg It was a good thing I took a taxi to the station. Otherwise I might have missed the train.

Mustn't /mʌsn̩t/

It is not allowed

{ permitted

It is forbidden

{ prohibited

It is against the law / the rules

→ mustn't eg You aren't allowed to park here → You mustn't park here.

SHOULD - OUGHT TO

1. Obligation - Criticism.
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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| I should ^{really} help my mother with the dishes | It's your duty |
| I really ought to go and see her | It's wrong |
| | It isn't proper |

2. Advice:

- | | | |
|------------------------|---|--------|
| You had (You'd) better | } | should |
| It's advisable | | |
| If I were you, I would | | |

It would be a good idea

3. Indicating a probable future event eg They should be here soon.
They ought to be here soon.

SHALL

1. Offers eg Would you like me to open the door? →
shall I open the door?

2. Suggestions eg Let's go out → shall we go out?

3. Future (I and we) eg I shall send you the information as soon as possible

WILL

1. A prediction about the future. It will be raining tomorrow
2. A request or refusal eg Will you sit down, please? I won't go with you
3. A promise eg I will take you to the cinema
4. Willingness eg Could you lend me £1? Of course I will
5. An order eg You will start work at 8 on Monday

WOULD

1. Requests eg Would you type this letter for me, please?
2. A habit in the past (=used to) eg He would sing at the top of his voice in the shower.

CAN

1. Ability eg I can ski
 2. Permission eg Can I go now? - Possibility (=may)
 3. Suggestions eg we can go to the cinema
 4. Requests eg Can you tell me the way to the station, please?
 5. Offers eg Can I help you?
- CANT = I don't think, I don't suppose.

COULD

1. Ability in the past eg when I was six I could play the piano
2. A possibility eg Could he be right?
What kind of bones are these? It could be a dinosaur.
3. Permission eg Could I use your phone?
4. Advice + suggestions S. Polite request eg Could you pass the salt, please?
5. could have ~~APP~~ ^{It was possible, but I did not do it}
- eg He could have applied for the job (but he didn't)

Have to

Obligation eg We have to leave early

Permission: May - Might - Can - Could

Request: will - would - can - could

Suggestions: shall - can + could

Possibility: May - might - could

Advice: should, ought to,

Offers: shall, can

CAN: the construction can be + adjective has the meaning of capacity which is only shown on some occasions

eg He can (could) be very stubborn [It is clear that in this case he is (was) not always stubborn, but that having the capacity, he is (was) stubborn only on occasions.]

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Need

necessary } \Rightarrow need

It's necessary for me to go \rightarrow I need to go
Do I need to or Need I go?
I don't need to I needn't go

isn't necessary \rightarrow don't need to
needn't

Didn't need to - Needn't have ~~you~~
wasn't necessary } \Rightarrow didn't need to, needn't have ~~you~~
It rained yesterday so it wasn't necessary for me to water
the flowers \rightarrow I didn't need to water the flowers.

didn't need to = it wasn't necessary so it didn't happen

I carried an umbrella but it was unnecessary because it didn't rain \rightarrow

I needn't have carried an umbrella

needn't have ~~you~~ = it was unnecessary but it happened