 Modal Verbs 

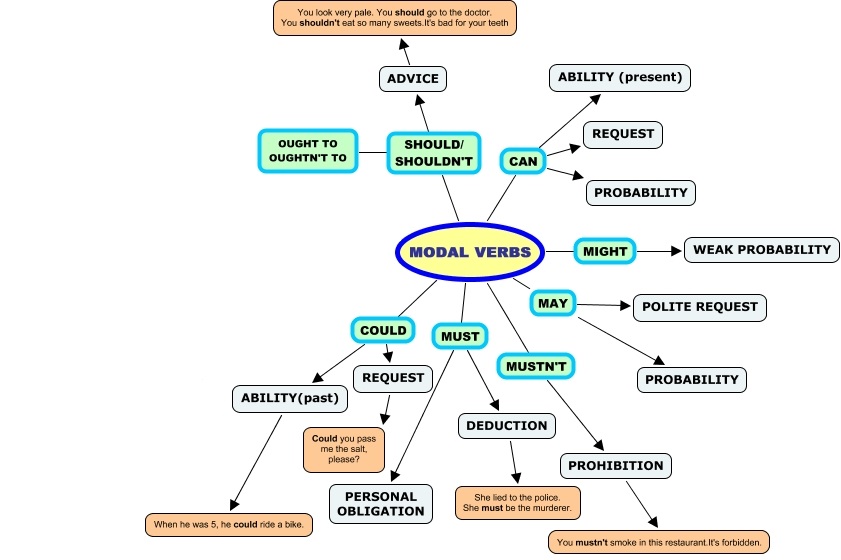
Auxiliary Verbs

Yellow shades- Principal Modal Verbs

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| Be verb(is, are) | Do | Dare | Need to |
| Will | Would | Shall | Should |
| Ought to | Must | May | Might |
| Can | Could |  |  |

An **auxiliary verb** is a [verb](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Verb) that adds functional or grammatical meaning to the [clause](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clause_(linguistics)) in which it appears—for example, to express [tense](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammatical_tense), [aspect](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammatical_aspect), [modality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linguistic_modality), [voice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voice_(grammar)), emphasis, etc. Auxiliary verbs usually accompany a main verb

The [**modal verbs**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modal_verb) of English are a small class of [auxiliary verbs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Auxiliary_verb) used mostly to express [modality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linguistic_modality) (properties such as possibility, obligation, intention, permission/approval, etc.). They can be distinguished from other verbs by their [defectiveness](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defective_verb) (they do not have [participle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Participle) or [infinitive](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infinitive) forms) and by the fact that they do not take the ending *-(e)s* in the third-person singular.



Modal Verbs Exercise ☹/☺

choose the right answer according to the context

1. You can / should book the tickets for the play in advance - they sell out quickly.

2. Dave: Can / would you hold your breath for more than a minute?  
 Nathan: No, I can't.

3. He’s amazing, he \_\_\_\_\_ speak five languages.

a. will b. can c. shall d. may

4. That woman \_\_\_\_\_\_ be a doctor! She looks far too young.

a. can’t b. couldn’t c. should d. shouldn’t

5. Why are you still standing? You \_\_\_\_ have a seat here.

a. Will b. can c. shall d. must

6. I looked everywhere for my glasses but I \_\_\_\_\_ find them anywhere.

a. could b. can’t c. couldn’t d. shouldn’t

7. We have a lot of homework tomorrow. You \_\_\_\_\_ not be late!

a. must b. will c. may d. shouldn’t

8. Jesse: \_\_\_\_\_ I help you?

Peter: Yes, please. I’d like to know where I \_\_\_\_\_ find a grocery store

a. Can / should b. May / must c. May / can d. Can / will

9. Could / can you swim when you were 10?

10. You can borrow my new dress, but you \_\_\_\_\_\_ get it dirty

a. can b. cannot c. shouldn’t d. wouldn’t

11. Eric: Why is that man looking around like that?

Daniel: I don’t know. He \_\_\_\_\_ be lost

a. can b. might c. shall d. can’t

12. We shouldn’t / couldn’t get to the meeting on time yesterday, because the train was delayed by one hour.