

**CAN** (+) Can (-) Cannot/Can't**COULD** (+) Could (-) Could not/Couldn't

AFFIRMATIVE FORM		
MODAL	CAN	COULD
POSSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility in the present. (<i>He can come today.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility in the past. (<i>He could have come that day.</i>)</li> <li>• Possibility in the future. (<i>I could come tomorrow.</i>)</li> <li>• Possibility in the future in conditionals. (<i>If they were rich, they could buy a big house.</i>)</li> </ul>
ABLE TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability in the present. (<i>She can swim.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability in the past. (<i>He could swim across the river.</i>)</li> </ul>
ALLOWED TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permission in the present. (<i>You can stay here.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permission in the past. (<i>They could stay with us.</i>)</li> </ul>
NEGATIVE FORM		
IMPOSSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impossibility in the present (<i>He can't come.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impossibility in the past. (<i>He couldn't have come.</i>)</li> <li>• Impossibility in the past in conditionals. (<i>He couldn't have done it, if I had come after seven.</i>)</li> </ul>
NOT ALLOWED TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibition in the present. (<i>You cannot go out.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibition in the past. (<i>She couldn't go out. She was grounded.</i>)</li> </ul>
UNABLE TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inability in the present. (<i>I can't ski.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inability in the past. (<i>I couldn't speak for days.</i>)</li> </ul>
INTERROGATIVE FORM		
IS IT POSSIBLE TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for permission. (<i>Can I go out?</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for permission in a polite way. (<i>Could I go out?</i>)</li> </ul>
QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking questions in conditional sentences. (<i>What can I do if I feel sick on the plane?</i>)</li> <li>• Asking for information. (<i>When can I come?</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking questions about possibility. (<i>What could be the reason?</i>)</li> <li>• Asking questions in conditional sentences. (<i>How could I help you if you were sick?</i>)</li> </ul>
REQUESTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking something from someone. (<i>Can you help me with my homework?</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking something from someone in a polite way. (<i>Could I call you today?</i>)</li> </ul>
OFFERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking someone if you can do something for them. (<i>Can I drive you to the airport?</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking someone if you can do something for them in a polite manner. (<i>Could I help you with the dishes?</i>)</li> </ul>



**MAY** (+) May (-) May not

**MIGHT**

(+) Might (-) Might not/Mightn't

AFFIRMATIVE FORM		
MODAL	MAY	MIGHT
POSSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility in the present. (<i>He may be sick.</i>)</li> <li>• Possibility in the future. (<i>She may come.</i>)</li> <li>• Possibility in the past. (<i>He may have repaired the car.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility in the present. (<i>He might be sick.</i>)</li> <li>• Possibility in the future. (<i>I might come tomorrow.</i>)</li> <li>• Possibility in the future in conditionals. (<i>If they were rich, they might buy a big house.</i>)</li> <li>• Possibility in the past. (<i>He might have repaired my car.</i>)</li> </ul>
ALLOWED TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permission in the present. (<i>You may stand up.</i>)</li> </ul>	
MAKING SUGGESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Putting forward an idea for consideration. (<i>You may want to use this way. It's safer.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Putting forward an idea to someone. (<i>You might as well eat the whole pizza.</i>)</li> </ul>
GOOD WISHES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wishing someone well. (<i>May you live a long life.</i>)</li> </ul>	
NEGATIVE FORM		
IMPOSSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impossibility in the present. (<i>He may not be sick.</i>)</li> <li>• Impossibility in the past. (<i>He may not have repaired my car.</i>)</li> <li>• Impossibility in the future. (<i>He may not come.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impossibility in the present. (<i>He might not be sick.</i>)</li> <li>• Impossibility in the past in conditionals. (<i>He could have done it, if I had come earlier.</i>)</li> <li>• Impossibility in the future. (<i>He might not go.</i>)</li> </ul>
NOT ALLOWED TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibition in the present. (<i>You may not go out.</i>)</li> </ul>	
INTERROGATIVE FORM		
IS IT POSSIBLE TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for permission politely. (<i>May I go out?</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for permission in a polite way. (<i>Might I borrow your book?</i>)</li> </ul>
QUESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking questions in conditional sentences. (<i>What may happen if snow falls in the desert?</i>)</li> <li>• Asking for information. (<i>How may I help you?</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking questions about possibility. (<i>What could be the reason?</i>)</li> <li>• Asking questions in conditional sentences. (<i>What might happen if he comes today?</i>)</li> </ul>
REQUESTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking something from someone in a polite way. (<i>May I use your telephone?</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking something from someone in a formal way. (<i>Might I take your temperature?</i>)</li> </ul>



# WILL

(+) Will/'ll (-) Will not/Won't

# WOULD

(+) Would/'d (-) Would not/Wouldn't

AFFIRMATIVE FORM	
WILL	WOULD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talking about future plans. (<i>He will come tomorrow.</i>) <b>FUTURE</b></li> <li>Predicting future actions. (<i>She'll be a doctor one day.</i>)</li> <li>Expressing certainty about the future. (<i>That'll be the postman.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing repetitive actions in the past. (<i>He would faint often.</i>)</li> <li>Expressing possibility in the past (<i>I would have married you.</i>)</li> <li>Expressing possibility in the past in conditionals. (<i>I'd have done it if I were you.</i>) <b>PAST</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deciding to do something spontaneously. (<i>Wait, I'll come with you!</i>) <b>RAPID DECISION</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing possibility in the future in conditionals. (<i>If I were rich, I would buy a big house.</i>) <b>HYPOTHESIS</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing commands. (<i>You will respect the rules of this house.</i>) <b>ORDER</b></li> <li>Committing oneself to someone or something. (<i>I will help you, don't worry.</i>) <b>PROMISE OR OFFER</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving advice. (<i>I'd suggest that you stop drinking.</i>) <b>RECOMMENDATION</b></li> <li>Expressing desires. (<i>I wish you would treat me better.</i>) <b>WISH</b></li> </ul>
NEGATIVE FORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talking about future plans. (<i>He will not come tomorrow.</i>)</li> <li>Predicting future actions. (<i>She won't be a doctor.</i>) <b>FUTURE</b></li> <li>Refusing to do something. (<i>I won't do it.</i>) <b>REFUSAL</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing impossibility in the past. (<i>He wouldn't have done it ten years ago.</i>) <b>PAST</b></li> <li>Refusing to do something in the past. (<i>She wouldn't answer my call.</i>) <b>REFUSAL</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing commands. (<i>You will not leave this room whenever you want.</i>) <b>ORDER/ PROHIBITION</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving advice. (<i>I wouldn't stay with him. Leave.</i>) <b>RECOMMENDATION</b></li> </ul>
INTERROGATIVE FORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking someone if they can do something for us. (<i>Will you pass me the salt, please?</i>) <b>REQUEST</b></li> <li>Asking questions in conditional sentences. (<i>What will happen if snow falls in the desert?</i>) <b>HYPOTHESIS</b></li> <li>Asking for information. (<i>When will you come?</i>) <b>INTERROGATION</b></li> <li>Expressing commands. (<i>Will you be quiet?</i>) <b>ORDER</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking someone if they can do something for us. (<i>Would you pass by my office, please?</i>) <b>POLITE REQUEST</b></li> <li>Asking questions in conditional sentences. (<i>What would happen if he came?</i>) <b>HYPOTHESIS</b></li> <li>Asking for information politely. (<i>Where would he hide?</i>)</li> <li>Making invitations. (<i>Would you like some tea?</i>) <b>OFFER</b></li> </ul>



**SHALL** (+) Shall (-) Shall not/Shan't

**SHOULD** (+) Should (-) Should not/Shouldn't

AFFIRMATIVE FORM	
SHALL	SHOULD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referring to future actions. (<i>I shall come.</i>)</li> <li>Predicting future actions. (<i>They shall perish.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">FUTURE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving strong recommendations. (<i>You should eat less.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">ADVICE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declaring what you are set out to do. (<i>I shall do it no matter the cost.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">INTENTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing obligation and necessity. (<i>Children should wash dishes every day.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">OUGHT TO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing commands. (<i>You shall eat at 1 p.m.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">ORDERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possibility in the future in conditionals. (<i>If you should pass these exams, I will be very happy.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">HYPOTHESIS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committing oneself to someone or something. (<i>I shall marry you.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">SOLEMN PROMISE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Probability in the future in conditionals. (<i>If they were rich, they should probably buy a house.</i>)</li> </ul>
NEGATIVE FORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referring to future actions that will not happen. (<i>I shall not come.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">FUTURE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Giving strong recommendations. (<i>You shouldn't eat junk food.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">ADVICE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predicting future actions that will not happen. (<i>They shall not perish.</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing criticism. (<i>You shouldn't have done it.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">REGRET</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing prohibition. (<i>Students shall not arrive late at school.</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">INTERDICTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing prohibition. (<i>Visitors should not leave their bicycles here.</i>)</li> </ul>
INTERROGATIVE FORM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking someone if you can do something for them. (<i>Shall I escort you?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">FORMAL OFFER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking questions about obligation. (<i>Should I close the door behind me?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">DO I HAVE TO?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking for advice. (<i>How shall we proceed?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">INSTRUCTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking for advice. (<i>What should I do?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">RECOMMENDATION</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presenting an idea to someone so that they can consider it. (<i>Shall I serve dinner now?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">SUGGESTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making subtle suggestions. (<i>Jane, shouldn't you be going to bed now?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">DISAPPROVAL</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking for information. (<i>When shall the ceremony take place?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">INTERROGATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking questions in conditional sentences. (<i>What should happen if he shows up?</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">HYPOTHESIS</p>



# MUST

(+) Must (-) Must not/Mustn't

AFFIRMATIVE FORM		
MODAL	MUST	EXAMPLES
OBLIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saying if we are obliged to do something.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>I must respect the elderly.</i></li></ul>
NECESSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saying if something is necessary.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>I must eat more vegetables.</i></li></ul>
DEDUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Making guesses about the present.</li><li>Making guesses about the past.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>He must be at home. His car is outside.</i></li><li><i>He must have been at home. His car was outside.</i></li></ul>
ORDERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Making commands.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>You must come back immediately.</i></li></ul>
SUGGESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Making positive suggestions.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>This film is really nice. You must see it!</i></li></ul>
NEGATIVE FORM		
OBLIGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Saying what we cannot do out of duty.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>I must not talk rudely to the elderly.</i></li></ul>
PROHIBITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Forbidding someone to do something.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>You mustn't talk to me like that.</i></li></ul>
DEDUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Making guesses about the present.</li><li>Making guesses about the past.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>He must not be at home. His car is not outside.</i></li><li><i>He mustn't have been at home. His car wasn't outside.</i></li></ul>
SUGGESTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Making negative recommendations.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>You mustn't work so hard. It's bad for your health.</i></li></ul>
INTERROGATIVE FORM		
DO WE HAVE TO?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Asking questions about obligation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Must I go to bed so early?</i></li></ul>
IS IT NECESSARY TO?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Asking questions about necessity.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Must we take vitamins all the time?</i></li></ul>
INTERROGATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Asking for information.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>What must we do exactly?</i></li></ul>
CRITICISMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Expressing disapproval.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Must you talk so loudly?</i></li></ul>





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