

Modals and Related Expressions

	PROBABILITY/ POSSIBILITY	ABILITY	PERMISSION	OBLIGATION/ ADVICE	OFFERS
CAN		I can play the piano	Can I go out tonight?		
CAN'T	She can't be his mum. She 's too young	I can't speak German	Can I borrow the car? No, I can't.		
MIGHT	It might rain tomorrow				
COULD	It could rain tomorrow	I could already read when I was two	Could I see your passport please, sir?		
MAY	It may rain tomorrow		May I leave the table?		
MUST	She must be his sister because they look alike.		(You mustn't go in there!	You must leave before the clock strikes twelve.	
HAVE TO				I have to study tonight.	
SHALL				You shall pay on Tuesday	Shall I help you?
SHOULD / OUGHT TO				You should see it. It's excellent. You ought to see this exhibition.	
HAD BETTER				You had better sleep more. (Also: You better move on!)	
WOULD					Would you like a drink?

A. must have to

1. I _____ be at the meeting by 10:00. I will probably _____ take a taxi if I want to be on time.
2. You _____ submit the application if it has not been completely filled out. Check that the name, address, and background information are correct.
3. A: Look at these flowers - they're beautiful! But, there's no card. Who could have sent them?
B: It _____ have been David. He's the only one who would send you flowers.
4. You _____ forget to pay the rent tomorrow. The landlord is very strict about paying on time.
5. You _____ be so rude! Why don't you try saying "please" once in a while.
6. If you are over 18 in California, you _____ take a driver training course to get a driver's license.
7. You _____ be rich to be a success. Some of the most successful people I know haven't got a penny to their name.

B. might should must

1. Nancy said you didn't need to buy her anything for her birthday, but I really think you _____ at least get her some flowers or a nice bottle of wine.
2. Debbie said she was really busy this week, but I think she _____ show up at the party if she doesn't have to work overtime on Friday.
3. Nina said she would come over right after work, so she _____ be here by 6:00.
4. Oh my God, he's unconscious. Don't move him - he _____ have internal injuries. Somebody call an ambulance.
5. You _____ be kidding! That can't be true.
6. A: Where's the remote control? I want to change the channel.
B: I don't know. It _____ be under the couch. Or, perhaps I took it into the kitchen.
7. Experts agree that to speak a language fluently, you _____ practice the language regularly.

C. Must / mustn't need to/don't need to should/shouldn't

1. George has travelled a lot. He _____ speak many languages.
2. I can hear you quite well. You _____ not shout.
3. I'm not sure where I go for my holidays but I _____ go to Italy.
4. She _____ ride her bike at night without lights. It's forbidden.
5. She _____ not eat so much chocolate because it's bad for her figure.
6. I _____ to listen to him.
7. It's later than I thought. I _____ go now.