Modal Verbs

DUKE Idiomas

Estes verbos expressam ideias como possibilidade, capacidade, obrigação, permissão, proibição ou solicitação.

Can **Could** **May** **Might**

Must **Should** Would
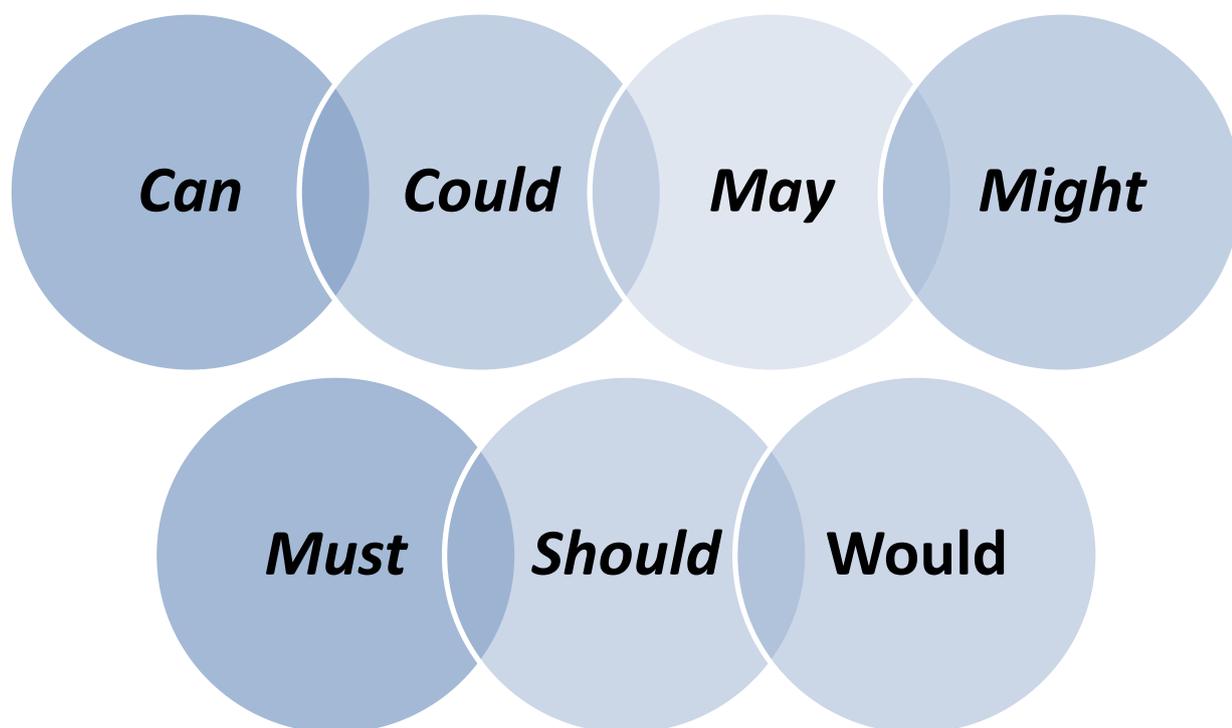
Na maioria dos casos os verbos modais serão traduzidos como **poder, poderia, dever e deveria.**

Todos os verbos modais são auxiliares.

Modal Verbs	O que expressa?
Can (present)	Pedido Habilidade, capacidade de fazer algo Possibilidade
Could (past)	Pedido Habilidade, capacidade de fazer algo Possibilidade
May	Pedido Possibilidade 50%
Might	Possibilidade 50%
Must	Obrigação Possibilidade 99%
Should	Conselho Possibilidade 70%
Would	Solicitação Possibilidade sufixo "ria" (possibilidade condicionada)

Can	Can I read the text?	Permissão
	I can speak English very well.	Habilidade
	It can be expensive.	Possibilidade (pode)
Could	I could swim very well when I was a child.	Habilidade no passado
	Could I ask you a question?	Permissão
	It could be expensive.	Possibilidade (poderia)
May	It may be expensive.	Probabilidade 50%
	May I ask you a question?	Permissão
Might	It might be expensive. = It may be expensive.	Probabilidade 50%

Must	I must study more.	Obrigação
	It must be expensive.	Probabilidade 99%

Should	You should stop smoking.	Conselho
	It should be expensive.	Probabilidade 70%

Exercise

1. https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/modals/mixed-1
2. https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/modals/mixed-2
3. https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/modals/mixed-3

4. Complete the sentences using the modals verbs listed below.
Please check the answers below after you finish the exercise.
Some gaps might have more than one correct answer.

can   could   must   might   may   should   would

a) Ted's flight from London took more than 35 hours.

He _____be exhausted after the flight.

b) I _____ like to report a problem with my order.

c) When you have a small child in the house, you _____

leave small objects on the floor. These objects _____

be dangerous for kids.

d) _____you hold your breath for more than a minute?

e) Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It _____have cost a fortune.

f) Please make sure to water my plants while I am gone. If they don't get enough water,

they _____die.

g) You _____take your umbrella today.

Because it _____rain later on this afternoon.

h) _____I borrow your pen for a minute?

Answers

a) Must 99% / Should 70%
b) Would
c) should not / can not
   Can / May / Might / Could
d) Can

e) Must
f) Might / May
g) Should
   Might / May
h) May / Can / Could