



Modals - Preparatory worksheet

Let's Learn together:

Examples of Modals and Definition

Examples of Can/Could

"Can" is used in the following context:

1. I can do this sum. (Ability to do a job or work)
2. Only the Principal can grant him leave. (Possession of specific power)
3. You can go out only with a pass. (Sanction)
4. Can you do this? (Permission or Request)

"Could" is the past form of can. "Could" is used in the following context:

1. Anita could top the class. (Possibility)
2. Could you help me? (Request)
3. You could always take healthy drinks. (Advice)
4. If you could work hard, you would have passed. (Condition)

Examples of Ought to / Have to

"Ought to" can be used in the following context:

1. We ought to love our country. (Obligation or Duty)
2. You ought to have been there. (Desirability)

"Have to" can be used in the following context:

1. You have to do it. (Compulsion)



Examples of May/ Might/ Must

"May" can be used in the following context:

1. You may go now. (Requesting and/or granting)
2. It may rain tonight. (Possibility)
3. May god help you! (Desire of fervent wish)
4. How old may this boy be? (Pointed question)

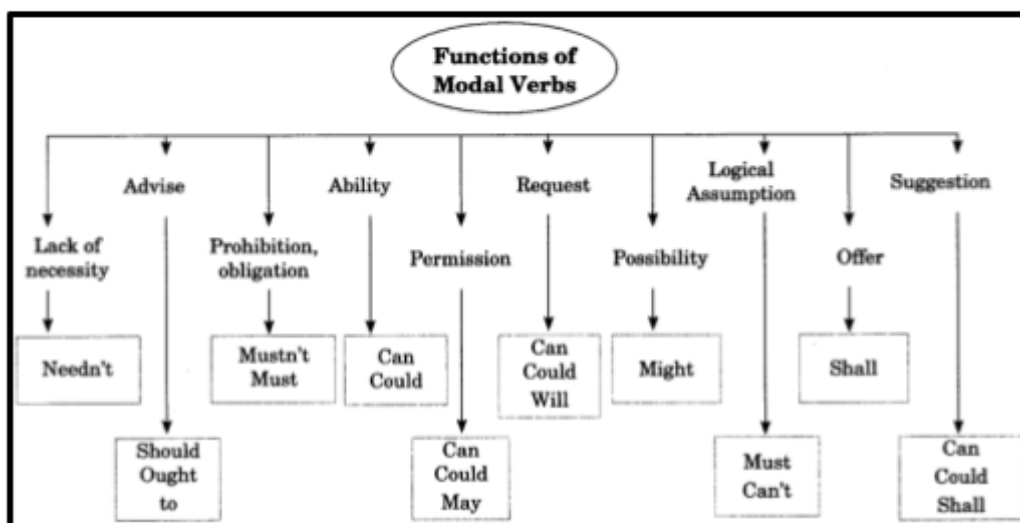
"Might" is the past form of May. It can be used in the following context:

1. I might cut my finger. (A state of fear)

"Must" is used in the following context:

1. When you are studying, you must concentrate. (Compulsion or obligation)
2. You must reach the school in time. (Requirement or Prerequisite)
3. I must finish my homework. (First person insistence)
4. I must top the class. (Determination)

A modal is a type of auxiliary (helping) verb that is used to express: ability, possibility, permission or obligation.





Let's practice:

A. Choose the most suitable modal from the bracket and fill in the blank.

1. That bag looks heavy. I _____ help you carry it. (will, may, might)
2. There _____be heavy rainfall tonight. (may, can, might)
3. If you desire, I _____come with you to meet them. (can, shall, may)
4. I _____have passed the exam if I had studied harder. (could, must, ought to)
5. You _____ have been there to witness the spectacular parade. (could, ought to, will)
6. You _____listen to the advice given by your elders. (can, must, would)
7. You _____exercise daily in order to remain physically fit. (could, would, should)
8. _____ I watch a movie with my friends? (can, will, must)