Modal Verbs



VOCABULARY

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Basic Words Notes Intermediate Words Notes 14 1 have to can have got to 2 15 may 3 shall 16 be able to will be going to 4 17 be supposed to 5 must 18 ought to had better 6 19 7 used to may have 20 could have 21 8 need 9 dare 22 should have Advanced Words could 10 Notes might 11 23 ability permission should 12 24 would possibility 13 25

<u>Modal verbs</u> are different from regular verbs as they *describe* something about the verb. Ability is defined as the possession of means or skill to do something.

e.g. Having ability to skateboard.

Permission means consent, or allowing someone to do something.

e.g. Giving/having permission to go to the toilet.

Possibility is the chance that something might happen.

e.g. There is a possibility that it will rain tomorrow.

Many modal verbs from above fall into one of these three categories. Some fall into more than one, for example - *may*; we could use to mean having *ability*, *permission* or *possibility*. Other functions expressed by modal verbs are *obligation*, *advice*, *necessity* and *requests*.

Practice check (☑) where appropriate.				DPoonsofor
Modal verb	ability	permission	possibility	Discussion
may	M		M	What do you think about
can				rainy season in Japan?
will				How do you feel during rainy
be able to				season?
might				What do you do to prepare your home?
should				

HOMEWORK

Fill in the blanks. Circle the most appropriate answer...

1. (Must Would Could) I have a look at those shoes in the window, please?

2. You really (should will need) wear nice clothes to your job interview.

3. I hope we (must could can) find the theater easily.

4. We can't get a hotel room, so we <u>(able to should have to have to)</u> sleep in the car.

5. We'd love to (can be able to had better) afford that trip to South America.

6. She (may have had better have got to) been working when I arrived.

7. You will (must dare have to) tell the police about what happened.

8. The doctor said I (may have should have supposed) to go to the hospital. My illness (used to will must can) be pretty serious.

9. You've just eaten dinner! You (wouldn't needn't can't) be hungry already!

10. It didn't rain, so I (couldn't needn't ought to) have brought an umbrella.

