

- Modals are helping verbs.
- They are used to convey meaning.
- Some Modals have more than one meaning.

*The following table shows the various meanings of each modal.*

FUNCTION/ MEANING	MODAL	EXAMPLE
Ability/past ability	Can/Could	She <u>can</u> run a 10K. He <u>could</u> swim by the age of 3.
Permission	May/Can/Could	You <u>may</u> have one cookie. He <u>can</u> only go out tonight if he finishes his homework. <u>Could</u> I borrow your notes?
Requesting	Can/Could/Will/Would	<u>Can</u> you get the door for me? <u>Will</u> you join us for dinner?
Future/Intention	Will	She <u>will</u> move to France if she gets the job.
Possibility	Could/May/Might	I <u>could</u> go to Paris for my vacation. She <u>may</u> have eaten all the cake. He <u>might</u> win the Nobel Prize this year.
Recommending/Advising	Should/Ought to/Had Better	You <u>should</u> see a doctor about that. (gentle) They <u>had better</u> show up on time! (strong)
Deduction	Must	He <u>must</u> have left early this morning.
Necessity/Obligation	Must/Have To/ Have Got To	You <u>must</u> wear a coat today. He <u>has to</u> do the dishes tonight. You <u>have got to</u> stop biting your nails! (strong)
Prohibition	Must Not	You <u>mustn't</u> smoke inside. (strong)