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Modal Verbs

Ability, permission, obligation and advice

1 can / could

Ability

She can swim. He could read at the age of four.

2 may / might

Permission and possibility

May I come in? It might rain today.

3 must / have to

Obligation and necessity

You must wear a helmet. We have to leave now.

4 should / ought to

Advice

You should revise daily. He ought to apologise.

Golden rules

Modal + base verb: she can sing.

Never add -s or -ing to the verb after a modal.

Fix it

Wrong: He can sings well.

Right: He can sing well.

Wrong: You must to go. Right: You must go.

Think you've got it? Test yourself.

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