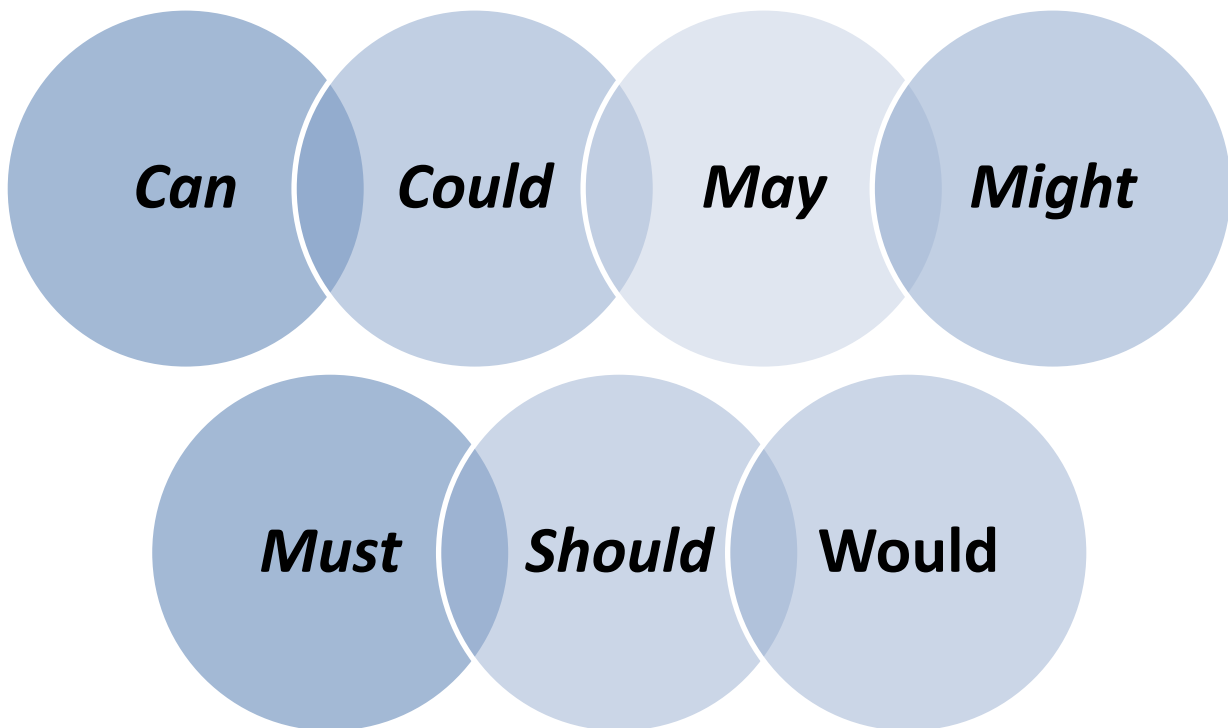




Modal Verbs

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



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	Obrigaç�o Possibilidade 99%
Should	Conselho Possibilidade 70%
Would	Solicitaç�o 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.	Probabilidade 50%
	= It may be expensive.	

Must

I must study more.

Obrigaç o

It must be expensive.

Probabilidade 99%

Should

You should stop smoking.

Conselho

It should be expensive.

Probabilidade 70%

Exercise

1. 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