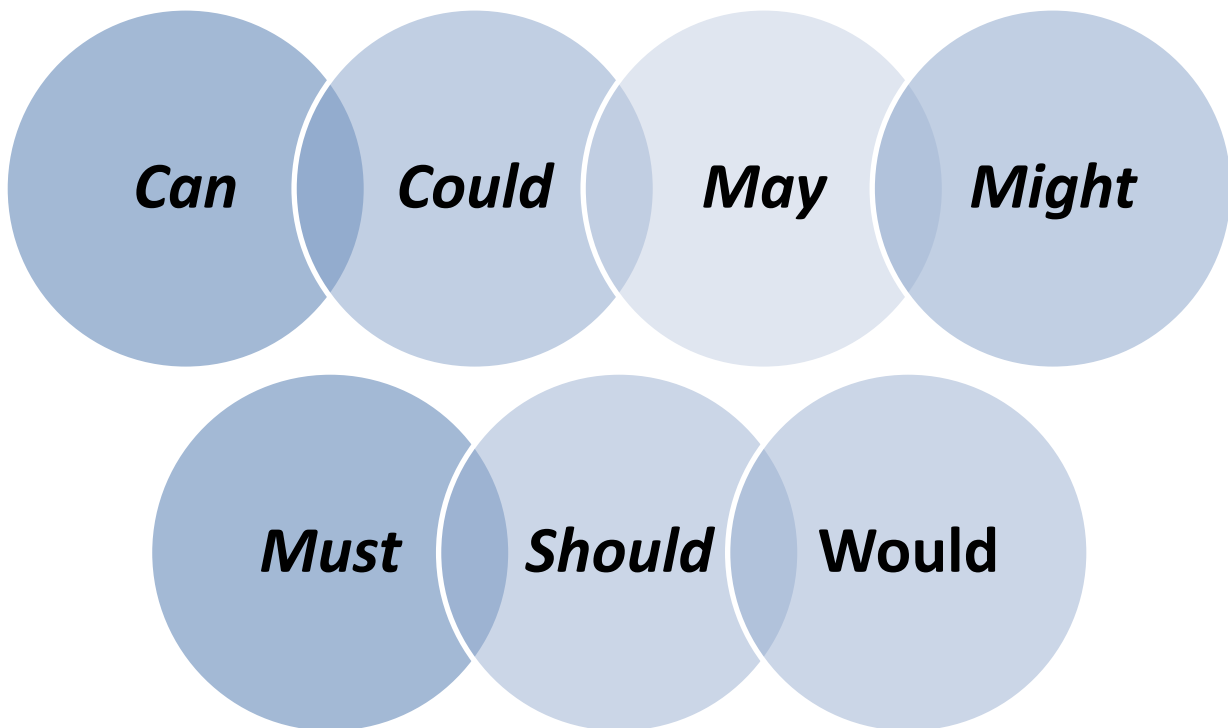




## *Modal Verbs*

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?
<b>Can (present)</b>	Pedido Habilidade, capacidade de fazer algo Possibilidade
<b>Could (past)</b>	Pedido Habilidade, capacidade de fazer algo Possibilidade
<b>May</b>	Pedido Possibilidade 50%
<b>Might</b>	Possibilidade 50%
<b>Must</b>	Obrigaç�o Possibilidade 99%
<b>Should</b>	Conselho Possibilidade 70%
<b>Would</b>	Solicitaç�o Possibilidade sufixo "ria" (possibilidade condicionada)

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**Can**

Can I read the text?

Permissão

I can speak English very well.

Habilidade

It can be expensive.

Possibilidade (pode)

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**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)

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**May**

It may be expensive.

Probabilidade 50%

May I ask you a question?

Permissão

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**Might**

It might be expensive.

Probabilidade 50%

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It may be expensive.

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## Must

I must study more.

Obrigaçã

It must be expensive.

Probabilidade 99%

## Should

You should stop smoking.

Conselho

It should be expensive.

Probabilidade 70%

## Exercise

- <https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/modals/mixed-1>
- <https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/modals/mixed-2>
- <https://agendaweb.org/exercises/verbs/modals/mixed-3>

4. 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**

- Ted's flight from London took more than 35 hours.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after the flight.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ like to report a problem with my order.
- When you have a small child in the house, you \_\_\_\_\_ leave small objects on the floor. These objects \_\_\_\_\_ be dangerous for kids.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you hold your breath for more than a minute?
- Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It \_\_\_\_\_ have cost a fortune.
- Please make sure to water my plants while I am gone. If they don't get enough water, they \_\_\_\_\_ die.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ take your umbrella today.  
Because it \_\_\_\_\_ rain later on this afternoon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I borrow your pen for a minute?



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# 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