

Modal General Recap

Schedule

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#1

Can, could

Can

Use	Examples
ability to do sth. in the present (substitute form: to be able to)	I can speak English.
permission to do sth. in the present (substitute form: to be allowed to)	Can I go to the cinema?
request	Can you wait a moment, please?
offer	I can lend you my car till tomorrow.
suggestion	Can we visit Grandma at the weekend?
possibility	It can get very hot in Arizona.

Could

Use	Examples
ability to do sth. in the past (substitute form: to be able to)	I could speak English.
permission to do sth. in the past (substitute form: to be allowed to)	I could go to the cinema.
polite question	Could I go to the cinema, please?
polite request	Could you wait a moment, please?
polite offer	I could lend you my car until tomorrow.
polite suggestion	Could we visit Grandma at the weekend?
possibility	It could get very hot in Montana.

#2

Be able to, be allowed to

Affirmative sentences

We often use **to be able to** or **to be allowed to** instead of *can*.

We can only form the Past of *can* (*could*).

To put *can* into other tenses we need the phrases **to be able to** or **to be allowed to**.

Tense	Modal	Form
Simple Present	I can play football.	I am able to play football.
		I am allowed to play football.
Simple Past	I could play football.	I was able to play football.
		I was allowed to play football.
will-future	not possible	I will be able to play football.
		I will be allowed to play football.

Negative sentences



Tense	Modal	Form
Simple Present	I cannot play football.	I am not able to play football.
		I am not allowed to play football.
Simple Past	I could not play football.	I was not able to play football.
		I was not allowed to play football.
will-future	not possible	I will not be able to play football.
		I will not be allowed to play football.

Questions

Tense	Modal	Form
Simple Present	Can he play football?	Is he able to play football?
		Is he allowed to play football?
Simple Past	Could he play football ?	Was he able to play football?
		Was he allowed to play football?
will-future	not possible	Will he be able to play football?
		Will he be allowed to play football?

#3

- **Quantifiers that can be used with both**

May

Use	Examples
possibility	It may rain today.
permission to do sth. in the present (substitute form: to be allowed to)	May I go to the cinema?
polite suggestion	May I help you?

Might

Use	Examples
possibility (less possible than may)	It might rain today.
hesitant offer	Might I help you?



#4

Must, mustn't

Must

Use	Examples
force, necessity	I must go to the supermarket today.
possibility	You must be tired.
advice, recommendation	You must see the new film with Brad Pitt.



Mustn't

Use	Examples
Sth is forbidden	You mustn't smoke here!



#5

Have to, Don't have to

Have to



Use	Examples
Something you have to do following a rule	In this house, you have to do your homework before playing video games.
	I just started a new job and I have to be at work at 8 sharp.
	I'm sorry I have to leave now or I'll miss my bus.

Don't have to

Use	Examples
Something which is not necessary	You don't have to do all these things to please me, I like you anyway!
	I don't have to go the market today, my fridge is already full.
	Do I have to wear a tuxedo for this posh party?

#6

Ought to, shall, should

Ought to

Use	Examples
advice	You ought to drive carefully in bad weather.
obligation	You ought to switch off the light when you leave the room.



Shall

Use	Examples
suggestion	Shall I carry your bag?
	Shall we go to the swimming-pool?



Should

Use	Examples
advice	You should drive carefully in bad weather.
obligation	You should switch off the light when you leave the room.



#7

Will, would

Will

Use	Examples
wish, request, demand, order (less polite than would)	Will you please shut the door?
prediction, assumption	I think it will rain on Friday.
promise	I will stop smoking.
spontaneous decision	Can somebody drive me to the station? - I will .
habits	She's strange, she' ll sit for hours without talking.

Would

Use

wish, request (more polite than will)

habits in the past

Examples

Would you **shut** the door, please?

Sometimes he **would bring** me some flowers.



#8

Had better, Would rather

Had better

Use	Examples
<p>used to talk about actions we think people should do or which are desirable in a specific situation.</p>	<p>It's five o'clock. I'd better <u>go</u> now before the traffic gets too bad.</p>
<p>We use it if we think there will be negative results if someone does not do what is desired or suggested:</p>	<p>She'd better get here soon or she'll miss the opening ceremony.</p>

Would rather

Use	Examples
<p><i>would rather</i> or <i>'d rather</i> to talk about preferring one thing to another. <i>Would rather</i> has two different constructions.</p>	<p><u>I'd rather</u> stay at home than go out tonight.</p>
	<p><u>I'd rather</u> you stayed at home tonight.</p>



Well done guys!!!