



INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

Class: VIII	Department: ENGLISH	Date of submission: DECEMBER -2025
Worksheet No: 25	Topic: MODAL VERBS	Note: To be done in language notebook



Modal verbs are used to indicate modality—how likely something is to happen, the ability to do something or the necessity of an action. They are always followed by the base form of the main verb (without “to”). Overall, mastering modal verbs is vital for effective communication in English.

Modal	Primary Function	The "Vibe"	Example
Can	Ability / Possibility	"I am able to."	<i>I can play the guitar.</i>
Could	Past Ability / Polite Request	"I was able to" or "Please?"	<i>Could you open the window?</i>
May	Permission / High Probability	"I have the green light."	<i>You may begin the exam.</i>
Might	Low Probability	"There's a slight chance."	<i>It might snow tomorrow.</i>
Must	Necessity / Obligation	"I have no choice."	<i>You must stop at the red light.</i>
Should	Advice / Expectation	"It's a good idea."	<i>You should drink more water.</i>
Will	Future Intent / Certainty	"It is going to happen."	<i>I will call you at dinner.</i>

Ex.1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal verbs.

- You ___ not talk during the test. (strict rule)
- She ___ be at home — her car is outside. (possibility)
- ___ you please pass the salt? (polite request)
- We ___ wear a uniform at this school. (requirement)
- When I was younger, I ___ run 5 kilometres easily. (past ability)
- Students ___ revise daily to score well. (advice)
- I ___ like to order a coffee, please. (polite request)
- ___ I help you with that bag? (offer)
- You _____ touch the wires. (prohibition)
- We _____ meet after lunch. (possibility / ability)
- You _____ skip breakfast. (advice)
- I _____ go to the party, but I'm not sure. (Possibility)

Modal Verbs
Shades of Modality

A modal verb expresses possibility, necessity and obligation

Rules to Remember

- Most modal verbs can only be used in the present tense.
- Use 'not' to make modals negative. (should not/shouldn't, can't, won't)

EX.2. Fill in the blanks with modal verbs and complete the story.

It was a bright Friday morning, and Class 8 was going on a school trip to the nature park. Everyone was buzzing with excitement. “Remember,” said Miss Rita, the teacher, “you (1) _____ wear your school ID card and uniform. Otherwise, you (2) _____ be allowed on the bus.” “Riya turned to her friend Aarav, “You (3) _____ carry your water bottle. It’s going to be a long day.” “I forgot mine at home,” Aarav replied. “(4) _____ I share yours for a bit?” Riya smiled. “Of course! But you (5) _____ drink it all!” As they reached the park, the guide welcomed them. “You (6) _____ take photos, but please don’t feed the animals.” The students walked through the butterfly garden. “Wow! Look at those blue butterflies!” said Aarav. “We (7) _____ see more if we walk quietly.” Later, they sat down for lunch. “We (8) _____ thank Miss Rita for organizing such a fun trip,” said Riya thoughtfully. Miss Rita overheard them and smiled. “Next time, we (9) _____ visit the science museum. What do you all think?” “That (10) _____ be amazing!” the class cheered in unison.



WEB RESOURCES:

<https://youtu.be/Pzjt1oVKze0>



❖ **Fun time with modal verbs.**

✓ Based on the picture given below frame 6 sentences using Modal Verbs.

MODAL VERBS

Frame sentences using modal verbs based on the pictures.

	<p>You _____ swim here. It's dangerous!</p>	<p>She _____ carry fewer books to avoid back pain.</p>
	<p>It _____ rain soon. He _____ take his umbrella.</p>	<p>You _____ wear a helmet while cycling.</p>
	<p>You _____ try answering the easy questions first.</p>	<p>Dogs _____ be trained to wait for food.</p>
	<p>We _____ always help others.</p>	<p>Mom. _____ I go play outside?</p>
<p>Mom. _____ may I go play outside?</p>	<p>Superheroes can fly and save people in danger!</p>	

EXTRA PRACTICE

Modal Verb	Example Sentence	Use / Meaning
Can	I can swim very well.	Ability
Could	She could play the piano at age 5.	Past ability / polite request
May	May I come in?	Asking for permission (formal)
Might	It might rain today.	Possibility (less certain than "may")
Shall	Shall we go for a walk?	Suggestion / offer (mainly in British English)
Should	You should eat more vegetables.	Advice / recommendation
Will	I will help you with your homework.	Future / willingness
Would	Would you like some tea?	Polite offer / habitual action in the past
Must	You must wear a seatbelt.	Obligation / strong advice
Ought to	You ought to apologize.	Moral obligation / advice
Need to	You need to complete the form.	Necessity
Used to	I used to play cricket in school.	Past habit