

Modal Auxiliary Verbs

Modal Auxiliary Verb	Uses	Examples
Can	Ability Possibility Request	I can swim. I can go to the party. Can I borrow your pencil?
Could	Polite request 50% certainty Suggestion	Could you open the window? She could be late. You could go to Kobe.
Might	Less than 50% certainty	She might be at the park.
May	Polite request Formal permission Less than 50% certainty	May we come in? You may not speak during class. She may not come to work.
Should	Advice Prediction	You shouldn't smoke. It should be sunny later.
Must	Obligation 100% certainty	You must pay your taxes. He's not here, he must be sick.
Would	Polite question Preference	Would you like a drink? I would rather stay home.

- _____ you speak and foreign languages?
 - Can
 - May
 - Would
- Daiki _____ be tired of his job. It's so boring!
 - would
 - must
 - should
- Where is Tenta? He _____ be at the office.
 - could
 - would
 - can
- Maybe I'll take an umbrella, it _____ rain later.
 - might
 - would
 - must
- You look sick, you _____ go to the hospital.
 - can
 - should
 - would
- _____ you like to have dinner sometime?
 - Must
 - Would
 - Should
- _____ I go home early? I'm not feeling well.
 - Should
 - May
 - Must

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Answer each question on your own. Then ask your partner the question and record their answer

1. Name something you can do

You: _____ Your partner: _____

2. Name something you might do tomorrow

You: _____ Your partner: _____

3. Name something you must do this week

You: _____ Your partner: _____

4. Name something you should do this evening

You: _____ Your partner: _____

5. Name something that may happen in the world in the next 10 years

You: _____ Your partner: _____

6. Name something that you could do when you were a child

You: _____ Your partner: _____

7. Name something that you couldn't do when you were a child

You: _____ Your partner: _____

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Panda Plate Activity

Materials: paper plate, black paper, black pen, glue

Let's make a panda plate together. Here are the rules:

1. You are not allowed to cut your own black paper. But you can cut it for other people
2. Only one person can use the glue at a time. If you are using the glue, you must keep it until someone asks for it.
3. Only one person can use the pen at a time. If you are using the pen, you must keep it until someone asks for it.

If you want to borrow something from a classmate, ask a polite question with "**could**"

If you want a classmate to do something for you, ask a polite question with "**would**"

If a classmate has something that you want, ask a polite question with "**may**"