

## TEACHING MODAL VERBS; EFFECTIVE GUIDE FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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**Abstract:** Modal verbs are like the most crucial parts of English grammar. They do not describe and show actions themselves, but instead modal verbs add meaning to other verbs. The modal verbs express things such as: necessity, possibility, permission, obligation, and suggestion. Some learners have challenges while learning and differentiating them. This article will explain and clarify modal verbs by explaining their different functions, and providing practical and effective examples to assist teachers and students use them confidently.

**Key words:** modal verbs, examples and communication.

**Аннотация:** Модальные глаголы являются одними из наиболее важных частей английской грамматики. Они не описывают и не показывают действия сами по себе, а вместо этого модальные глаголы добавляют значение другим глаголам. Модальные глаголы выражают такие вещи, как: необходимость, возможность, разрешение, обязательство и предложение. Некоторые учащиеся испытывают трудности при изучении и различении их. Эта статья объяснит и прояснит модальные глаголы, разъяснив их различные функции и предоставив практические и эффективные примеры, чтобы помочь учителям ученикам уверенно их использовать.

**Ключевые слова:** модальные глаголы, примеры и общение.

### Introduction:

Initially, before providing teaching strategies, it is suggested for teachers to give brief explanations about modal verbs. Teachers may use visual aids to demonstrate the presentation with this topic, so each student would read. The explanation goes like this: Modal verbs are auxiliary (helping) verbs that represent the meaning of a main verb. They do not have past, present and future tenses compared to other verbs. Additionally, they always come without the infinitive to, before a main verb. After explaining them, teacher are supposed to ask what kinds of modal verbs they know. As soon as they ask their students, educators might show different types of modal verbs:

Here are some of the most common modal verbs:

- can, could - for abilities or permission

Example: I can speak four languages; Or Can I borrow it?

- will, would - for future actions

Example: I will do it tomorrow; Or I would do my homework after hours

- shall, should - for permission and suggestions

Example: Shall I call you? You should not do that

- may, might - for probabilities and possibilities

Example: It may rain today; Or you might get sick

- must, have to - for obligations and necessities

Example: You must go home now; Or you have to study till Monday After explaining in detailed way, teachers are supposed to make their students to make their own examples by using these provided modal verbs.

### **Conclusion:**

All in all, while modal verbs could be challenging, understanding their functions via comprehensive explanations and practical examples can greatly improve both teaching and learning.

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