

## MODAL AUXILIARIES

1. **Will**, has functions  
*Future time*, examples
  - We will make the plan tonight
  - We will go to Singaraja for promotion*Willingness*, examples
  - Just stay here! I will close the door
  - Don't worry! I will explain to your brother that you are right*Polite request*, examples
  - Rina, will you please open the door?
  - Will you please throw my pen, brother?
2. **Would**, has functions  
*Past future*, examples
  - I would go to your party yesterday, but my friend called me that she needed my help
  - Actually, I would make it yesterday*Polite request*, examples
  - Dina, Would you help me please?
  - Would you please open the window?*Preference*, examples
  - I would rather go to my friend than stay here
  - I would rather drink tea than coffee
3. **Can**, has functions  
*Ability*, examples
  - Mary can play guitar very well
  - The cat can climb a tree*Permission*, examples
  - Alright, you can leave here after this
  - The students can go to the library every day, from 8 am to 11 am*Informal polite request*, examples
  - Can I borrow your dictionary?
  - Can I have this?
4. **Could**, has functions  
*Past ability*, examples
  - Mary could play guitar very well, when she was young
  - I could before! But now, I can't*Polite request*, examples
  - Could you help me please?
  - Could I have your dictionary?
5. **May**, has functions  
*Permission*, examples
  - May I go to the toilet, please?
  - They may leave the class after finishing the test*Possibility*, examples
  - May be, we need to bring an umbrella
  - May be she is there, already

6. **Should**, has function  
*Obligation*, examples
  - You should study every day
  - You should go to the doctor if you feel sick
7. **Must**, has functions  
*Necessity*, examples
  - You must study tonight
  - You must do this today*Conclusion*, examples
  - He must be in the library right now
  - You must be about twenty five years old.

In daily conversations, Some Modals are very importance in making **requests, permissions, offers, and invitations**

1. **Requests** (asking people to do something)  
Here, can and could are commonly used, examples:
  - Can you help me to take the book?
  - Andree, I wonder if you could help me tonight
2. **Asking for and giving permission**  
We often use can, could or may to ask permission to do something, examples:
  - Excuse me, can I speak to Mr. Brian?
  - Could I use the pen?**To give permission, we use can or may (but not could)**
  - You can (or may) smoke here!
  - You can (or may) leave the school after 11 o'clock
3. We sometimes use can when we **offer to do things**, examples:
  - Can I get you I cup of tea? You look so tired
  - Can I help you, Sir?
4. **For offering and inviting we use would you like .....? (Not do you like).** For examples:
  - Would you like a cup of coffee?
  - Would you like to come to the cinema with us tomorrow evening?

### Note:

- The key that we have to remember and install in our mind,
- all modals must be followed by infinitive (verb I)
  - if the situation is in the past, we need not to change the verb in to past form, but we have to use past form of the modal, such as could and would
  - if the sentence is non verbal sentence (no verb), we have to use **be** after modals, examples
    - I **will be** here in 15 minutes
    - You **should be** gentle. So, don't cry!

## Exercises

### Exercise 1

Complete the sentence with the suitable modals!

1. You ..... go to the doctor. If not, I will call a doctor to come here
2. We ..... be here before noon. If not, we ..... Get a punishment
3. If you want to get a better price, you ..... bargain
4. A cat ..... climb a tree, but it ..... Fly
5. I'm sorry! I ..... help you. I'm so busy today
6. Where is John? He ..... be in the canteen. He said he was hungry
7. Hey stop! You ..... tell him. It's our secret.
8. You ..... leave her, if you don't want to make her sad
9. .... You please open the window? I feel so hot.
10. If you want to buy a watch, you ..... Buy the original one.

### Exercise 2

Synonyms. Please change the words/phrases with modals which have similar meaning.

Example: I *have to* go home

I *must* go home

1. I am able to climb a tree  
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2. Rina is going to write a letter  
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3. You ought to talk to your father about the problem  
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4. The people have permission to enter the exhibition after 3 pm  
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5. Superman is able to crack the stone with his bare hand  
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6. My girl friend in is your class. I conclude that you know her  
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7. She has to finish her task as soon as possible  
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8. You look so bored. I think it's better to have some interesting activities  
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9. Tomorrow will be the last day for students to submit their homework  
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10. Everyone agrees that Mr. Smith's car is one of the most expensive car nowadays  
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### Exercise 3

Read the situation and write what you would say

1. You want to borrow your friend's camera. What do you say to him/her?  
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2. The man in the next room has some music on very loud. How do you ask him politely to turn it down?  
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3. You have a car, and you want to give somebody a lift. What do you say?  
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4. You want to offer a cup of tea to your friend. What do you say?  
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5. You are sitting in a crowded bus. There is an old lady standing. Offer her your seat!  
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6. You want to borrow someone's magazine after seeing her has finished reading. What do you say?  
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7. You want to invite your friend to come and go with you on the weekend. What do you say?  
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8. You want to have a match to light your cigarette. You saw someone with match. What do you say?  
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### Exercise 4

Dialogue practice. (please make a dialogue in pairs, it can be offering, inviting, requesting, and so on)

Example:

Nick : hi bro, how are you?

John : Oh good, what about you? Are you still busy?

Nick : yah yah.... As you see. This is my last day for finishing my work. This afternoon should be finish.

John : wow wow wow.... You are very great.... by the way, tonight is the first day, Merah Putih 2 will be played at the cinema. Do you have any plan?

Nick : oh really...? I don't have any plan tonight

John : yah.... That's nice. **Would you like to come with me to the cinema?**

Nick : oooo..... it's gonna be beautiful. But, **can you help me now?**

John : help what..?

Nick : ya,... I can't go before finishing my work. So... Help me to do this first. Than.... We're gonna go there.

John : ok, sure. Absolutely. Whatever I'll do for you brother...