

MODAL VERBS

Can	could
may	might
will	would
should	ought to
must	need
shall	dare

CARACTERÍSTICAS

➤ Invariables en forma

I can, you can, he can...

➤ Van antes de verbos en infinitivo sen “to”

I must study

➤ En interrogativas e negativas: inversión ou +not

Could you come soon?

You should not talk so much

USOS

- Principais usos: expresar CAPACIDADE, NECESIDADE, POSIBILIDADE.
- Tamén: PERMISO, OBRIGA, CONVIDAR, SUXESTIÓNS, DESEXOS...

CAN, COULD:

capacidade ou oportunidade

I can send e-mail messages

WAS/WERE ABLE TO:

capacidade ou oportunidade + acción no pasado

I was able to learn Chinese

CAN, MAY:

permiso (may: + formal)

May I come in?

MUST, HAVE (GOT)TO, NEEDN'T, MUSTN'T

necesidade

I must have a licence if I want to drive a car.

OUGHT TO, SHOULD

Obriga

(às veces “ought to” é un pouco máis forte)

You should pay attention

MAY, MIGHT, COULD

posibilidad

It may rain tonight

WOULD

situaciones imaxinadas

In that case, I would be happy

WILL, MUST, CAN'T

certeza

The phone is ringing, it must be Peter

Verbos modais + have+ -ed

- Necesidade **no pasado**
You needn't have worked so hard.
- Obriga/crítica **no pasado**
You should have bought it, but you didn't.
- Posibilidade ou certeza **no pasado**
-Where are my keys? I may have left them at home.
-Yes, you must have left them on the table
- Capacidade **no pasado**
You could have come earlier!
- Imaginación/desejo **no pasado**
I would have travelled to Rome.

ABILITY	<p>Can + Be able to + Could (past ability) Could have +-ed (past, not happened)</p>
POSSIBILITY	<p>Can + Could + May + Might Would have + -ed (wanted it but couldn't-past)</p>
CERTAINTY THAT SOMETHING IS (IM)POSSIBLE	<p>Can't + Must Must have +-ed (past) Couldn't have +-ed (past, not happened) May / might have +-ed (guess, not certain – past)</p>
REQUEST	<p>Can + Could (polite) + May (polite) + Would (formal)</p>
POLITE SUGGESTION / OFFER	<p>Could / Would</p>
OBLIGATION	<p>Must + Have to + Need to</p>
NECESSITY	<p>Have to + Need to Needn't have +-ed (not needed – past)</p>
LACK OF OBLIGATION	<p>Needn't + Don't have to</p>
PROHIBITION	<p>Mustn't</p>
ADVICE / OPINION	<p>Should + Ought to Should/ought to have +-ed (criticism / regret - past) Shouldn't have +-ed (criticism)</p>