

**Modal verbs** (modals) are verbs that add the meaning of logical possibility, ability, necessity, and permission to verbs, which have a degree of strength from stronger to weaker. Modals come their subject in plural agreement, so there is no need to add an -s or -es ending to a modal. Modals will often be seen in sentences that are predicting a future possibility, describing an ability, giving advice, making requests, or asking for permission. The nine most common modals are **can, could, shall, should, will, would, may, might, and must**.

Use	Modals	Examples
Logical Possibility	Must (Most Certain) Will Would Should May Can	The dark clouds <b>must</b> mean rain today. Due to the news, the stock <b>will</b> go down. The chemical <b>would</b> help the experiment. The case <b>should</b> prevent cracking. This change <b>may</b> improve the results. Being careless <b>can</b> have bad consequences.





