

(SEMI) MODALS

Modale werkwoorden zijn hulpwerkwoorden die mogelijkheden, kansen, toestemming en verplichtingen aangeven. Semi modale werkwoorden hebben dezelfde functie als modale werkwoorden, maar bestaan uit een combinatie van hulpwerkwoorden en voorzetsels.

Can, Could, Be Able To

Ability / Lack of Ability

can/can't + base form of the verb
could / couldn't + base form of the verb

Possibility / Impossibility

can / can't + base form of the verb
could + base form of the verb

Ask Permission / Give Permission

can + subject + base form of the verb
could + subject + base form of the verb

Make a suggestion

could + base form of the verb (informal)

May, Might

Formal Permission / Formal Prohibition

may / may not + base form of the verb

Polite Request

may + subject + base form of the verb

Possibility / Negative Possibility

may/ might + base form of the verb

To Make a Suggestion

may as well / might as well + base form

Polite Suggestion

might + base form of the verb

Will / Would

Polite Request or Statement

will / would + base form of the verb

Habitual Past Action

would / wouldn't + base form of the verb

Shall, Should

Offer of Assistance or Polite Suggestion*

shall + subject + base form of the verb

Offer of Assistance or Polite Suggestion

should + subject + base form of the verb

Prediction

should/shouldn't + base form of the verb

To Give Positive Advice

should + base form of the verb

To Give Negative Advice

shouldn't + base form of the verb

Must, Have to, Need to

Necessity or Requirement

must / have to / need to + base form
had to / needed to + base form of the verb

Almost 100% Certain

must + base form of the verb

To Persuade

must / have to + base form of the verb

Prohibited or Forbidden

must not / mustn't + base form of the verb

Lack of Necessity

don't / doesn't / didn't + have to + base form

*Shall wordt gebruikt als je bijna zeker bent van een positief antwoord. Should wordt gebruikt als je niet zeker bent van een positief antwoord.