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Modal Verbs – Revision Page

Past Form(s)	Modal Verb	No.	Use(s)	Strength	For Example	Future Form(s)
had to has/have <i>or</i> had had to	must	1	necessity (internal)	100%	I must remember to phone mum.	must have to
	have to / have got to	2	obligation (external)	100%	I have (got) to make a cake for Ian.	will/going to have to will/going to have had to
was/were not allowed to has/have <i>or</i> had not been allowed to	must not be not allowed to	3	prohibition	100%	You must not drop litter. You are not allowed to drop litter.	must not will not/not going to be allowed to will not/not going to have been allowed to
should should have* ought to ought to have*	should / ought to (<i>more formal</i>)	4 5 6 7	duty advice recommendation logical deduction	70% 70% 70% 70%	You should respect your parents. You ought to go to the doctor's. You should read this novel. The flight ought to take four hours.	should ought to
could could have* was/were able to has/have <i>or</i> had been able to	can / be able to	8 9 10 11	ability possibility permission suggestion	100% 100% 100% 50%	I can play the guitar. I can meet you on Tuesday at ten. Yes, you can go to the concert. You can ask Sheila to help you.	can will/going to be able to will/going to have been able to
might/may have might/might have was/were allowed to has/have <i>or</i> had been allowed to	may / might	12 13	slight possibility formal permission	20% 100%	It may rain later tonight. Yes, you might leave a few minutes early today.	may might will/going to be allowed to will/going to have been allowed to
would would have*	will (<i>use shall for suggestions</i>)	14 15 16 17	future (prediction) future (spontaneous) future (promise) future (willingness)	100% 100% 100% 100%	It think it will be a difficult meeting. (The phone rings:) "I'll get it!" Yes, I will help you move house. I'll make a cake, if you need me to.	will will have would**

* unreal past – did not happen

** unreal future

Remember: infinitive after modal verb!

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Modal Verbs Revision – Complete the Gaps 1

Past Form(s)	Modal Verb	No.	Use(s)	Strength	For Example	Future Form(s)
	must	1				
	have to / have got to	2				
	must not be not allowed to	3				
	should / ought to <i>(more formal)</i>	4 5 6 7				
	can / be able to	8 9 10 11				
	may / might	12 13				
	will <i>(use shall for suggestions)</i>	14 15 16 17				


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Modal Verbs Revision – Complete the Gaps 2

Past Form(s)	Modal Verb	No.	Use(s)	Strength	For Example	Future Form(s)
		1	necessity (internal)			
		2	obligation (external)			
		3	prohibition			
		4 5 6 7	duty advice recommendation logical deduction			
		8 9 10 11	ability possibility permission suggestion			
		12 13	slight possibility formal permission			
		14 15 16 17	future (prediction) future (spontaneous) future (promise) future (willingness)			

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Modal Verbs Revision – Modal Verbs Cards



must	have to / have got to
must not	be not allowed to
should	ought to
can	be able to
may	might
will	shall

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Modal Verbs Revision – Use Cards



necessity (internal)	obligation (external)
prohibition	duty
advice	recommendation
logical deduction	ability
possibility (100%)	permission
suggestion	slight possibility (20%)
formal permission	future (prediction)
future (spontaneous)	future (promise)
future (willingness)	

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Modal Verbs Revision – Time Cards



past	past
past	past
past	now
now	now
now	now
future	future
future	future
future	regular time
regular time	regular time
regular time	regular time

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Modal Verbs Revision – Sentence Type Cards



positive	positive
positive	positive
positive	positive
negative	negative
negative	negative
negative	negative
question form	question form
question form	question form
question form	question form

		USE-	STRENGTH	MODAL VERBS-
don't have to	must	necessity	(internal)	1. 100% (pilna sprawa)
	have to	obligation	(external)	2.
	need to	necessity	80%	3.
	must not	prohibition	100%	4.
	should	advice	70%	5.
	ought to	(it's a good idea to do this)		
	more formal			
	can	ability	100%	6.
	be able to	possibility		7.
		permission		8.
	may	(small) possibility	20%	9.
	might	permission		10.
		+ infinitive		
		+ more popular		

1. modal verbs in groups
 2. use (s)
 3. sentences P or F?
 4. what time - present or future?
 5. past forms - sentences
 6. position + negative + q forms - all

A board plan from a lesson with this resource pack

Modal Verbs Revision – Ideas

- Complete the Gaps 1 (p.2) – easier; start from modal verbs
- Complete the Gaps 2 (p.3) – harder; start from uses
- Write or say a sentence (e.g. using pick a card method – cards on pp.4-7)
 - modal verbs
 - uses
 - time: past, now, future, general time
 - sentence type – positive, negative, or question form
- Matching:
 - use cards (p.5) to modal verb cards (p.4)
 - your own sentences to uses (p.5)
- Focus on negative forms and question forms, e.g.
 - I don't have to / I didn't have to / I haven't had to / I won't have to, etc.
 - Do you have to? / Did you have to? / Have you had to? / Will you have to?, etc.
- Choose *x* number of uses (e.g. 10); put them in a random order and create a role play or dialogue on an agreed topic and/or in an agreed place
- Challenge SS to speak all lesson, or for set period of time – or create a dialogue – without any modal verbs. What is the effect on communication? e.g. language is less direct... Or SS

sit in a circle and each in turn has to talk about a topic, but without using modal verbs. If they do, a bell or buzzer sounds. Points for the longest time speaking without modal verbs!

- Find a real text, e.g. a page from a magazine or newspaper, a book, a web page, Facebook comments, etc. SS copy and underline all modal verbs, then identify and write uses; then rewrite the text without modal verbs. Discuss the activities and outcomes afterwards

Lesson Plan: aim – SS learn to use modal verbs and use thinking skills!

1. Elicit / think of x modal verbs (e.g. 10)
2. Put them into groups, e.g. must and have to belong together
3. Discard past forms, e.g. could, would have – they will come later
4. Write them in a column on the board (see photo on p.8)
5. Elicit use(s) for each modal verb
6. Write a sentence for each pair – modal verb and use
7. What time is it in each sentence? Present, future, now, or regular time?
8. Elicit past forms and more future forms for each modal verb
9. Write a number of sentences (past, present, future, or regular time) in +, -, or ? forms.
10. Rewrite each sentence to mean the same thing but without using the modal verb, e.g.

~~I can swim. / I am able to swim.~~ = I know how to swim. or It is possible for me to swim.

Randomised Activity

1. Students pick all or some of the following criteria:
 - a. use
 - b. type (+, -, ?)
 - c. time
 - d. place (e.g. at a shopping centre)
 - e. noun (e.g. on a given topic, like shopping)
2. Working in small groups, SS write a sentence to match the criteria
3. Repeat and score groups according to who is first/most accurate in producing a sentence (on the board or read aloud)
4. The winner is the group with the most points after a set number of sentences, e.g. 8-10, or a set period of time, e.g. 20 minutes

Example questions:

<i>Use:</i>	<i>Type:</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>Place:</i>	<i>Noun:</i>
1. ABILITY	+	PAST	SCHOOL	PENCIL
2. PROHIBITION	-	FUTURE	SUPERMARKET	TROLLEY
3. FUTURE (PROMISE)	?	PAST	GARAGE	CAR
4. ADVICE	-	FUTURE	PARK	FOOTBALL
5. OBLIGATION (EXT.)	+	REGULAR	BUS STATION	SKATEBOARD
6. FORMAL PERMISSION	?	FUTURE	GRANDAD'S HOUSE	PIANO
7. FUTURE (PREDICTION)	-	FUTURE	NEWSAGENT'S	NEWSPAPER
8. DUTY	+	NOW	BEACH	ICE CREAM
9. SLIGHT POSSIBILITY	?	REGULAR	OLD HOUSE	CREAKING DOOR
10. NECESSITY (INTERNAL)	+	PAST	FERRY	BOTTLE OF WATER

Answers will vary. Sample answers:

Use:	Type:	Time:	Place:	Noun:
1. ABILITY	+	PAST	SCHOOL	PENCIL
At school I could (used to be able to) write with four pencils at the same time.				
2. PROHIBITION	-	FUTURE	SUPERMARKET	TROLLEY
We're not going to be allowed to borrow a trolley for our party on Saturday.				
3. FUTURE (PROMISE)	?	PAST	GARAGE	CAR
Did you say that you would fix Dave's car?				
4. ADVICE	-	FUTURE	PARK	FOOTBALL
You didn't ought to be playing football near the boating lake this evening.				
5. OBLIGATION (EXT.)	+	REGULAR	BUS STATION	SKATEBOARD
Because of you, I have to ride to the bus station on my skateboard every Friday.				
6. FORMAL PERMISSION	?	FUTURE	GRANDPA'S HOUSE	PIANO
Might I play your piano for a few minutes, please, grandpa?				
7. FUTURE (PREDICTION)	-	FUTURE	NEWSAGENT'S	NEWSPAPER
My favourite newspaper won't be on sale yet.				
8. DUTY	+	NOW	BEACH	ICE CREAM
You really ought to put your ice cream wrapper in the bin, you know.				
9. SLIGHT POSSIBILITY	?	REGULAR	OLD HOUSE	CREAKING DOOR
May the door creak like that every day while we're here? (regular time? future?)				
<i>Some combinations may not be possible in natural English!</i>				
10. NECESSITY (INTERNAL)	+	PAST	FERRY	BOTTLE OF WATER
I was so thirsty that I had to buy a bottle of water on the ferry.				