

MODALNI GLAGOL	FUNKCIJA
CAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>sposobnost, zmožnost:</b> <i>I can swim.</i></li> <li>• <b>neformalna, vljudna prošnja:</b> <i>Can I borrow your pen?</i></li> <li>• <b>dovoljenje:</b> <i>You can go to the party.</i></li> <li>• <b>ponudba:</b> <i>Can I help you?</i></li> </ul>
COULD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>vljudna prošnja:</b> <i>Could you tell me the time?</i></li> <li>• <b>gotovost (50%):</b> <i>He could be there by now.</i></li> <li>• <b>predlog:</b> <i>You could invite them to dinner.</i></li> <li>• <b>pretekla zmožnost:</b> <i>I could swim when I was 4 years old.</i></li> </ul>
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>vljudna prošnja:</b> <i>May we come in?</i></li> <li>• <b>formalno dovoljenje:</b> <i>You may not speak during the exam.</i></li> <li>• <b>gotovost (manj kot 50%):</b> <i>She may not be at home.</i></li> </ul>
MIGHT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>gotovost (manj kot 50%):</b> <i>Where are they? They might be at the park.</i></li> </ul>
SHOULD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>nasvet:</b> <i>You should stop drinking so much.</i></li> <li>• <b>sklepanje:</b> <i>I revised so much, I should be ready for the test.</i></li> </ul>
OUGHT TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>nasvet:</b> <i>You really ought to go to the doctor and have that lump checked.</i></li> </ul>
HAVE TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“zunanja” obveza (predpisi, zakoni, ukazi):</b> <i>Children in UK have to wear school uniforms.</i></li> </ul>
MUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“notranja” obveza:</b> <i>I really must stop eating all this sugar.</i></li> <li>• <b>prepoved (zanikano):</b> <i>You mustn't drink and drive.</i></li> <li>• <b>visoka verjetnost (sklepanje):</b> <i>He's not at work today. He must be ill.</i></li> </ul>
WOULD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>vljudna prošnja, povpraševanje:</b> <i>Would you be able to help me?</i></li> <li>• <b>ponudba:</b> <i>Would you like a drink?</i></li> <li>• <b>izražanje ljubše izbire:</b> <i>I would rather stay in tonight.</i></li> </ul>
SHALL (za osebe I, we)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>povpraševanje po tem, kaj naj storimo:</b> <i>Shall I open the window?</i></li> <li>• <b>ponudba:</b> <i>Shall I call you a taxi?</i></li> <li>• <b>predlog:</b> <i>Shall we meet in front of the cinema, then?</i></li> </ul>
WILL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>dejstva v prihodnosti:</b> <i>I will turn 16 next week.</i></li> <li>• <b>napovedi v prihodnosti:</b> <i>I think we will buy another car soon.</i></li> <li>• <b>trenutna odločitev za prihodnost:</b> <i>Come here, I will help you!</i></li> <li>• <b>obljuba:</b> <i>I'll write to you when I am on holiday.</i></li> <li>• <b>ponudba:</b> <i>We'll book your tickets, if you like.</i></li> </ul>
DON'T HAVE TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>odsotnost obveze oz. potrebe:</b> <i>We don't have to work tomorrow, It's a public holiday.</i></li> </ul>



# MODALS OF ABILITY

MODAL	USAGE	PRESENT	EXAMPLE
CAN	General or specific ability	CAN/CAN'T	Richard <b>can</b> speak French fluently.
BE ABLE TO	General or specific ability	AM/ARE/IS (NOT) ABLE TO	Max <b>was able to</b> swim.



MODAL	USAGE	PAST	EXAMPLE
COULD	Could - general ability	COULD	My sister <b>could</b> swim when I was six.
	Couldn't - general or specific	COULDN'T	I <b>couldn't</b> play the piano when she was five.
BE ABLE TO	General or specific ability	WAS/WERE (NOT) ABLE TO	Jennifer <b>was not able to</b> dance when she was eight.
MANAGED TO	Specific ability	MANAGED TO	Police finally <b>managed to</b> catch the culprit.

MODAL	USAGE	FUTURE	EXAMPLE
CAN	General or specific ability	CAN/CAN'T	I <b>can</b> help you tomorrow.
BE ABLE TO	General ability.	WILL / WON'T BE ABLE TO	Journalists <b>will be able to</b> preview the exhibition tomorrow.

## MODAL VERBS

CAN	ability	I <b>can</b> speak English.
	permission	<b>Can</b> I go to the toilet?
	probability (0%)	It <b>can't</b> be Susan. She is in Paris
COULD	past ability	She <b>could</b> speak Chinese when she was 5 years old.
	past permission	She <b>could</b> go to the cinema.
	probability (30%)	It <b>could</b> get much colder in January.
	request, offer or suggestion	<b>Could</b> I go to the toilet? I <b>could</b> lend you my dictionary.
MAY	probability (50%)	It <b>may</b> rain tomorrow.
	permission	<b>May</b> I go to the cinema with you?
MIGHT	probability (30% or less)	It <b>might</b> snow today.
MUST	prohibition	You <b>mustn't</b> play with that. It's dangerous.
	deduction / probability (100%)	The visitor <b>must</b> be Daniel. I've seen his car outside.
SHOULD	advice	You <b>shouldn't</b> smoke. It's bad for your health.
WILL	prediction	I think he <b>will</b> study harder this time.
	spontaneous decision	Oh, it's very cold in here. I' <b>ll</b> close the window.

Some example uses of Modal Verbs

Modal Verbs

Permission

- Can I open the window ? It's too hot in here. (Can)
- May I open the window ? It's too hot in here. (May)

Request

- Could you carry this for me ? I have too much to carry. (Could)
- Would you get me a newspaper when you go to the shops please ? (Would)
- Will you answer the phone please - I am busy. (Will)

Confirmation

- Shall I get pizza for dinner tonight ? (Shall)
- I shall meet you at the station at 7pm. (Shall)

Shall can only be used in the 1st person I/We - Not he/ she/you/it etc

Possibility

- He might be in the office on tuesday - I'm not sure. (Might)
- She may come to the meeting - she's not sure of her schedule at the moment. (May)
- He could be on the fourth floor - he has a meeting there later. (Could)

Deduction

- He can't have been at work on Tuesday - I saw him at the stadium. (Can't have)
- He must have been in the office - his car was there. (Must Have)

Negative certain deduction.

Positive certain deduction.

Offer

- I'll drive you to the station if you want. (Will)

Obligation

- You must wear a crash helmet on a motorbike - it is the law. (Must)
- You mustn't get on a train without a valid ticket. (Must Not)
- You have to stamp your ticket when you get on a bus in Rome. (Have To)

Prohibition

- You can't drive a car without a license. (Cannot)

Choice

- You can either take the bus or the metro. (Can)
- You could take a taxi if you are in a hurry. (Could)

Suggestion

- You should see a dentist if you have a toothache. (Should)
- You shouldn't drink alcohol if you are going to drive. (Should not)
- You ought to phone your mother on her birthday - it's a good idea. (Ought to)
- You ought not go out in the rain if you don't have an umbrella - it's a bad idea. (Ought Not to)

Ability

- I can ride a horse - I had lessons when I was a child. (Can)
- I can't swim - in fact I am terrified of water. (Cannot)
- I could speak Danish when I was a child. (Could)
- I couldn't drive a car until I had lots of lessons. (Could not)

