

FUNCTION OF MODALS

OBLIGATION	NO OBLIGATION	PROHIBITION	NECESSITY
HAVE TO Do you have to wear a uniform? MUST We must do our homework	DON'T HAVE TO We don't have to wear a uniform DON'T NEED TO You don't need to worry about money	MUSTN'T You mustn't be late You mustn't eat in class	NEED TO I need to go to the bathroom

ABILITY in the present	ABILITY in the past	ABILITY in the future
CAN Can you play the piano?	COULD Could you play the piano when you were six?	WILL BE ABLE Will you be able to climb when you are eighty?

PERMISSION	PERMISSION in the past
CAN You can use my phone CAN'T You can't go out after 9	COULD I couldn't vote when I was 6.
BE ALLOWED Passengers are allowed to take hand luggage NOT TO BE ALLOWED You are not allowed to feed the animals	WAS/WERE ALLOWED I wasn't allowed to go out after 11 at night when I was 10.

ADVICE	CRITIC
SHOULD You should listen to your teachers You should do more exercise	SHOULD HAVE + PP You shouldn't have taken your dad's car without permission
SHOULDN'T You shouldn't worry about the exam	
SHOULD I? Should I do more exercise? What should I wear to the party?	