

Verbos Modales – Modals

A. **Modal verbs, for example *Must, Could or Can* are NEVER used alone.**

They combine with other verbs to talk about...

Possibility or probability / to say something isn't necessary / permission / prohibition or obligation / recommendation / ability.

1. _____ You mustn't smoke here. / You must do your homework. No debes fumar aqui / Debes hacer tus deberes.
2. _____ You should ask your teacher if you have a question. Deberias preguntar a tu professor si tienes alguna pregunta.
3. _____ You can go now. Puedes ir ahora
4. _____ You needn't do the washing-up, I'll do it. No es necesario que fregues, yo lo hare.
5. _____ You can buy stamps at the Post office but there might be a queue. Puedes comprar sellos en Correos, pero debe haber cola.

B. **You NEVER use 'to' after a modal.** You make a question by using inversion.

Have to, have got to, don't have to and *need to* are NOT modals. They are different grammatically (you use *to* after them and make the question with an auxiliary, for example: *Do I have to copy this?*)

BUT we use *have to, have got to, don't have to* and *need to* in the same situations as we use modals.

- You needn't do the washing-up: _____
- You must do your homework: _____

Formas negativas de los Verbos modales

Will = will not – won't
Can = cannot – can't
Could = could not – couldn't
Should = should not – shouldn't
Might = might not
Must = must not – musn't
Shall = shall not – shan't
Would = would not – wouldn't