

Modal Verbs

tvorba: *modalni glagol + nedoločnik*

I **can speak** English.

We **have to stay** at home.

You **needn't read** this explanation if you understand the material.

Različni modalni glagoli imajo različne vloge, npr. *must* izraža dolžnost, *can* lahko izraža možnost, sposobnost, prošnjo ali ponudbo. V nadaljevanju boš izvedel/-a, kateri modalni glagoli izražajo določeno funkcijo.

Obligation, Necessity (dolžnost/ obveza; nuja)

- **MUST** – uporablja se le v sedanjiku
– govorec ima avtoriteto (You must read the book by Friday.)
– je oseben – sam se za nekaj odločiš (I must do my homework.)
– uporablja se za ukaze in napisana pravila
- **HAVE TO** – uporablja se v vseh časih in »nadomešča« *must* v pretekliku in prihodnjiku
– govorec nima avtoritete – nekdo drug se »odloči« namesto njega (I have to do my homework. – sam/-a je najraje ne bi naredil/-a, učitelj se je »odločil« namesto mene)
– uporablja se za zakone
- **NEED TO** – uporablja se v vseh časih
– izkazuje potrebo, nujo

sed.: You *must obey* your parents.
You *must write* in ink.

He *has to tidy* his room every week.
We *have to wear* a seatbelt.

pret.: I *had to read* five books for EPI Reading Badge.

prih.: Jim *will have to study* hard if he wants to pass the exam.

I *need to study*.

Prohibition (prepoved)

- **MUSTN'T** – uporablja se le v sedanjiku; »ne smeš«
- **NOT BE ALLOWED TO** – »nadomešča« *mustn't* v pret. in prih. (vsi časi)

sed.: You *mustn't be* late for class.

pret.: We *weren't allowed to take* photos in the museum.

prih: They *won't be allowed to use* dictionaries when taking the exam.

Absence of obligation (odsotnost obveze)

- **DON'T/ DOESN'T/ DIDN'T/ WON'T HAVE TO** – »ni ti treba«

sed.: You *don't have to go* shopping. (I've already done it.)

pret.: My father *didn't have to mow* the lawn because my brother had already done it.

prih: She *won't have to do* the dishes by hand anymore because they have just bought a dishwasher.

Advice (nasvet)

- **SHOULD(N'T)** – »moral bi«

(I think) you *should study* harder.

You *shouldn't drink* alcoholic beverages.

Request (prošnja)

- **CAN**
- **COULD**
- **WILL**
- **WOULD**

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vljudnost narašča od *can* (najmanj vljudno) proti *would* (najbolj vljudno)

Could you *do* me a favour?

Will you *wash* the dishes for me?

Offer (ponudba)

- CAN I/ we...?
- COULD I/ we...?
- SHALL I...?
- I CAN..
- I COULD..
- I'LL ...

Can I help you?

I'll help you do the washing-up.

Ability (zmožnost/ sposobnost)

- CAN – sed.
- COULD – pret.
- BE ABLE TO – vsi časi

I can swim.

I can't speak Norwegian.

I could swim when I was four.

I'll be able to speak Norwegian when I finish the course.

Probability (verjetnost); Possibility (možnost)

- CAN
- COULD
- MAY
- MIGHT

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vljudnost pada od *can* (najbolj verjetno) proti *might* (najmanj verjetno)

He *can* win the race.

They *could* still *be* at school.

He *may / might* *be* at the library.

Permission (dovoljenje)

- **MAY** – najbolj vljudno; uradno
- **COULD** – malo manj vljudno kot »may«
- **CAN** – uporabljamo za prijatelje, znance (bolj »prijateljski«)
- **BE ALLOWED TO** – nadomešča dane modalne glagole v pretekliku in prihodnjiku

May I / Can I go to the cinema? – Yes, you may / can.

– No, you may not / cannot.

sed.: He *isn't allowed to stay* out after midnight.

pret.: They *were allowed to attend* the meeting.

prih.: She *won't be allowed to take* the test again.