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Modal verbs and its types

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Modal verbs or modal auxiliary verbs are a type of verbs that indicates modality, i.e., likelihood, permission, ability and obligation. Some of the common modal verbs are can, could, may, might and must. Let us understand them briefly.

Remember as a kid you asked your parents before going out to play, "Can I go out to play?" Now, at your work place when you want to leave early, you have to ask for permission, "Could I go home early today?"



They are a kind of special verbs which behave very irregularly in English. Modals cannot be represented alone as a main verb since they are always used in the helping form. Let's learn them one by one and take another step towards English fluency.

Types Of Modals

1. Will/ Would

Will is used to show a wish, prediction, request, demand, order, assumption, promise, etc.

Examples:

Will you please keep quiet?
Aruna says, it will rain today.
Kumar said he will not drink alcohol henceforth.

Whereas, would is used to show a wish or to request in a polite way and sometimes to express habits.

Examples:

Would you please give me 100 bucks?
She would remain very calm during her examination days.

2. Can

Can is used to show permission, possibility, and ability.

Examples:

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