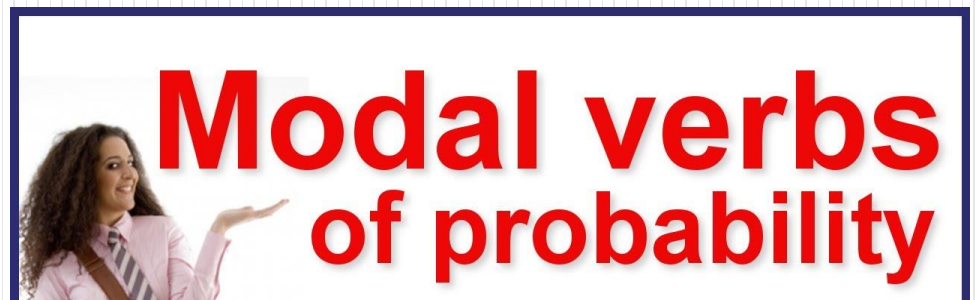


Modals of Probability

Grammar Lesson



What are modals?

- **Modals**: They are **verbs** that talk about ability, possibility or permission.
- **In this lesson we will discuss modals of probability.**
- **We use this type of modals when we want to make a guess about something. We choose the verb depending on how sure we are.**



Modal verbs of Probability are:

Must

Can't

Might

Could

Number 1



Name

• *Must*

Meaning

- We use **must** when we are sure something is true.

Example

- Oh I smell bread! There must be a bakery.
- I studied hard, I must have gotten an A+ in the test.

Number 2



Name

- Can't

Meaning

- We use **can't** when we are certain that something is **not true**.

Example

- This **can't** be our teacher! Our teacher is a woman and this is a man!!
- Karim's house is brown and this house is white. This **can't** be Karim's house.

Number 3



• *Could*

Name

Meaning

Example

- We use could when we refer to something that is perhaps true.

- Oh look the weather is cloudy, it could rain today!
- Look at this unique building, it could be a museum.

Number 4



Name

- *Might*

Meaning

- We use Might when we refer to something that is perhaps true.
- It is very similar to *could*, both show the same thing.

Example

- I did not study very hard, I might fail the exam.
- My mom keeps coughing, she might have Coronavirus.

Extra Information:

- ❖ Sometimes we use might not to express the fact that this thing is perhaps untrue.
- *For Example:*
Dina might not be at home, she could be at the park.
- ❖ Could and Might mean the same thing.
- ❖ *Modal verbs* are followed by an *infinitive*.

Modals of Possibility

When you're **not**
sure

Might

May

Could

When you are **sure**
something is
possible or true

Must

When you are sure
something is **NOT**
possible or true

Can't



*Let's examine
this together!*

Questions:

- 1. This pink pencil _____ be Lina's pencil, she only uses pink stuff! I am sure of it.
- 2. We _____ play a game in the class today. It all depends on the time we have. So we will see!
- 3. No way! The bell is ringing. It _____ be my friend, I told him to come at 4:00, it is 1:00!

The End!

See You Again!
THANK YOU!
Soon!

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