

MODAL VERBS

- They are followed by an infinitive without 'to'. (e.g. *I must study*)
- There is no -s / -es in the third person singular. (e.g. *She can play the guitar*)
- They don't have an auxiliary verb (do, does,...) (e.g. *He can't drive*)

ABILITY	Present	can / can't	
	Past	could / couldn't	
OBLIGATION	Present	have to / has to must	
	Past	had to	
NO OBLIGATION	Present	don't have to doesn't have to	
	Past	didn't have to	
PROHIBITION		mustn't	
POSSIBILITY	affirmative	may could might	
	negative	could not might not	
CERTAINTY	+	must	
	-	can't	