**How to say können, müssen, sollen, nicht dürfen**

In English **modal verbs** are used to say this.

You use **modal verbs + infinitive without to**

Example: John can read French books.

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| **Modalverb** | **modal verb** |
| können  | can (present) |
| nicht können  | cannot (present) |
| (nicht) können | (not) be able to (other tenses)e.g. simple past: he was able to go there; will-future: she won´t be able to go there |
| könnte/könnte nicht | could/couldn´t  |
| dürfen | may (present) |
| nicht dürfen | may not (present) |
| (nicht) dürfen | (not) be allowed to (other tenses)e.g. present perfect: John has never been allowed to stay out after 10 p.m. |
| dürfte/dürfte nicht | might/might not |
| müssen | must (present) |
| nicht müssen | needn´t (present) |
| (nicht)müssen | (not) have to (other tenses)e.g. You didn´t have to do this. |
| sollen | should |
| nicht sollen | shouldn´t  |
| nicht dürfen | mustn´t , not be allowed to |
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Special: might (vielleicht)

He might not come to the concert – Er kommt vielleicht nicht zu dem Konzert