

How to use modals: Modalverben

Can, may, must, should sind modale Hilfsverben. Sie drücken aus, was jemand tun **kann, darf, muss, soll** und können nur im **simple present** verwendet werden.

can / may / must / should + Infinitiv

can't / mustn't / needn't / shouldn't + Infinitiv

In der Vergangenheit verwendest du Ersatzformen. Sie können aber auch für die Gegenwart verwendet werden.

Modalverb	Ersatzform	simple present	simple past
can /may can't / mustn't (Erlaubnis)	to be allowed to +Infinitiv	He is allowed to leave. He isn't able to leave.	He was allowed to leave. He wasn't able to leave.
can can't (Fähigkeit)	to be able to + Infinitiv	You are able to swim. You aren't able to swim.	You were able to swim. You weren't able to swim.
must needn't (Notwendigkeit)	to have to + Infinitiv	I have to learn. I don't have to learn.	I had to learn. I didn't have to learn.



Alles verstanden? Dann teste dich selbst mit einer kleinen Übung!

(Test yourself - modals)

Dir ist noch nicht alles klar? Dann lies das *Grammar File* nochmal und bitte an der Stelle, die du nicht verstehst, einen Mitschüler/eine Mitschülerin oder deine Lehrkraft um Unterstützung.

Test yourself – modals

Complete the sentences with forms of **to be able to**, **to be allowed to** and **to have to**.

1. Yesterday I _____ (musste) stay at home.
2. When she was three she _____ (konnte) swim.
3. My dad _____ (musste nicht) work on Friday.
4. The students _____ (durften nicht) leave the room.
5. I _____ (durfte) use the computer for playing games.
6. She _____ (konnte nicht) buy a present because she didn't have much time.

Solutions:

1. *had to*
2. *was able to*
3. *didn't have to*
4. *weren't allowed to*
5. *was allowed to*
6. *wasn't able to*