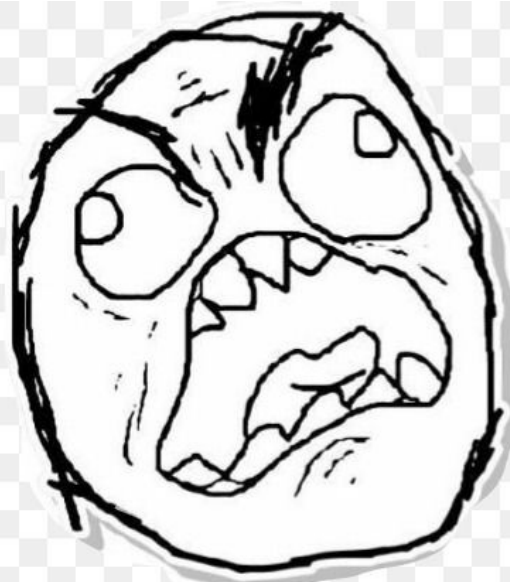


Model verbs

You don't freakin' get them, innit?



What modal verbs do we have?

MODAL VERBS and HAVE TO

Basic meanings

CAN	Ability Permission Possibility Request	Pat CAN ride a horse CAN I come tomorrow? It CAN be possible CAN I have a coke, please?
COULD	Past Ability Permission Possibility Polite Request	Pat COULD come yesterday COULD I open the door? It COULD be Peter COULD I borrow your car?
MUST MUSTN'T	Obligation Prohibition	You MUST be here at 7 You MUSTN'T play with fire
SHOULD	Advice or Recommendation	You SHOULD eat more fruit
MAY	Permission Possibility	MAY I come in? She MAY come with us
MIGHT	Permission Little Possibility	MIGHT I talk to you? I MIGHT go.
HAVE TO DO NOT HAVE TO	Obligation Lack of obligation	You HAVE TO finish it now You DON'T HAVE TO do it.

- I must be home by 11 pm this time – I can't go out much these days, dude 😞
- You should probably go to the gym and trim down a bit – you've got a few pounds to lose
- It seems like I have to edit my writing a bit because I was marked down.
- May I have a cup of tea at Starbucks? – No, they only serve coffee, you should give KFC a go!
- You mustn't cross the road if there's no pedestrian crossing on your way.
- You might face substantial problems while applying for an American visa.
- You could ask her out on a date – she'd be elated to turn you down! 😊

	Past	Present	Future
should	should have done	should do	should do
could	could do could have done	could do	could do
would	would have done	would do	would do
may/ might	may /might have done	may	may / might do
must	had to must have done	must	must will have to

- You could have done your homework yesterday – now it's too late, hand in your assignment!
- He must have been held up in a traffic jam – it comes as a surprise to me he's being late this time.
- He might have been detained at the border control because his documents may not have been arranged properly.
- He could have taken another train to Exeter, but he didn't because he wanted to meet up with Brian.
- He would have probably participated in that competition if you hadn't scared him off with your witty and caustic jokes about his awkwardness!