

# MODAL VERBS

## Modal verbs are different from other verbs

They don't take –s in the 3rd person singular:

- He **does** homework from three to four in the afternoon.
- She must **do** homework before school.

They don't need **do/does/did** to make negative sentences or questions:

- We **don't** like horror films
- **Does** he walk to school in the morning?
- They **can't** drive, but they go to school by bike.
- **Can** you dance well?

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IDEA	MODAL VERB	MEANING	EXAMPLE
ability / possibility	CAN/CAN'T	You know how to do it It's possible	They can swim, but they can't sail
obligation	MUST	It's obligatory	You must be in time for the exam
prohibition	MUSTN'T	It's prohibited	You mustn't eat in the library
advice	SHOULD/SHOULDN'T	It's a good idea It's not a good idea	You should visit granny; she's got a broken leg
ability/possibility in the past	COULD/COULDN'T	You knew how to do it It was possible	I could walk when I was 1, but I couldn't talk