

Modals

These modals express:

- *Must* → Strong obligation
- *Mustn't* → Prohibition "forbidden"
- *Have to* → Necessity
- { *don't have to*
needn't
don't need to } → Lack (absence) of obligation
- { *Had better*
should
ought to } → Advice
- { *could*
might } → Remote possibility (15%)
- { *may*
can } → Possibility (50%)
- { *It's probably that*
It will probably } → Probability (80%)
- *will certainly* → Certainty (100%)