

Condizionale dei verbi modali

Formazione:

Radice (stem)=infinito (in _are verbs the a -> e) +

Desinenze (endings):

io	_ei	Noi	_emmo
Tu	_esti	Voi	_este
Lui, lei, Lei	_ebbe	loro	_ebbero

Translation: would

Parlare:

(io) parl <u>e</u> rei	I would talk	(noi) parl <u>e</u> remmo	We would talk
(tu) parl <u>e</u> resti	You would talk	(voi) parl <u>e</u> reste	You all would talk
(lui) parl <u>e</u> rebbe	He would talk	(loro) parl <u>e</u> rebbero	They would talk

With the modal verbs *dovere*, *potere*, *volere* you get a subtle meaning change.
And they all have irregular stems:

Dovere:

Present tense=must. Strong obligation. Similar to *avere bisogno di*.

Conditional=should

Stem: *dovr_*

(io) <i>dovr</i> ei	I should	(Noi) <i>dovr</i> emmo	We should
(tu) <i>dovr</i> esti	You should	(Voi) <i>dovr</i> este	You all should
(lei) <i>dovr</i> ebbe	She should	(Loro) <i>dovr</i> ebbero	They should

Dovrei pulire la casa prima della festa.

Dovreste studiare di più.

Dovremmo finire i compiti.

Potere:

Present tense=can, to be able to. Ability, capability to do something.

Conditional: could, would be able to. Willingness to do something

Stem: potr_

(io) potrei	I could	(Noi) potremmo	We could
(tu) potresti	You could	(Voi) potreste	You all could
(lui) potrebbe	He could	(Loro) potrebbero	They could

Potrei andare ma non voglio.

Potresti aiutarmi?

Lui potrebbe comprare una macchina più cara.

Volere:

Present tense=to want. Strong desire. (Can be a bit harsh or rude.)

Conditional=would like. A polite request

Stem: Vorr_

(io) vorrei	I would like	(Noi) vorremmo	We would like
(tu) vorresti	You would like	(Voi) vorreste	You all would like
(lei) vorrebbe	She would like	(Loro) vorrebbero	They would like

Vorrei andare ma non posso.

Vorremmo una bottiglia di vino rosso.

Lei vorrebbe quella camicia in blu.

Vorrei vs Mi piacerebbe

Vorrei is more of a request. Can be used at a restaurant to order or while shopping etc.

Mi piacerebbe is simply expressing a desire.

Esercizio:

Would you like more pizza?

They could go on vacation this summer.

You shouldn't do that!

I would like 20 stamps please.

Could you tell me the time?

You all should arrive on time.

What would you all like to eat?

I could go shopping after work.

She should wear less makeup.

Would you like sugar in your coffee?

Could you all explain the lesson?

We should finish this project before next week.