

Tip: Use any Html Viewer for seeing preview

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<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Modal Verbs Cheat Sheet | Can, Could, May, Might</title>
  <style>
    * {
      margin: 0;
      padding: 0;
      box-sizing: border-box;
    }

    body {
      font-family: 'Segoe UI', Tahoma, Geneva, Verdana, sans-serif;
      background: linear-gradient(135deg, #667eea 0%, #764ba2 100%);
      padding: 20px;
      line-height: 1.6;
    }

    .container {
      max-width: 1200px;
      margin: 0 auto;
      background: white;
      border-radius: 20px;
      box-shadow: 0 20px 60px rgba(0,0,0,0.3);
      overflow: hidden;
    }

    .header {
      background: linear-gradient(135deg, #1e3c72 0%, #2a5298 100%);
      color: white;
      padding: 40px 30px;
      text-align: center;
    }

    .header h1 {
      font-size: 2.5em;
      margin-bottom: 10px;
      text-shadow: 2px 2px 4px rgba(0,0,0,0.2);
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="container">
    <div class="header">
      <h1>Modal Verbs Cheat Sheet</h1>
    </div>
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

```
.header p {
  font-size: 1.2em;
  opacity: 0.9;
}

.content {
  padding: 40px 30px;
}

.intro-box {
  background: linear-gradient(135deg, #f093fb 0%, #f5576c 100%);
  color: white;
  padding: 25px;
  border-radius: 15px;
  margin-bottom: 30px;
  box-shadow: 0 5px 15px rgba(0,0,0,0.1);
}

.intro-box h2 {
  margin-bottom: 10px;
  font-size: 1.5em;
}

.section {
  margin-bottom: 40px;
}

.section-title {
  color: #1e3c72;
  font-size: 1.8em;
  margin-bottom: 20px;
  padding-bottom: 10px;
  border-bottom: 3px solid #00d2ff;
  display: flex;
  align-items: center;
}

.section-title::before {
  content: "►";
  margin-right: 10px;
  color: #00d2ff;
}
```

```
.modal-card {  
  background: #f8f9ff;  
  border-left: 5px solid;  
  padding: 25px;  
  margin-bottom: 20px;  
  border-radius: 10px;  
  box-shadow: 0 3px 10px rgba(0,0,0,0.1);  
  transition: transform 0.3s ease;  
}
```

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.modal-card:hover {  
  transform: translateX(5px);  
}
```

```
.modal-card.can {  
  border-left-color: #4CAF50;  
}
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```
.modal-card.could {  
  border-left-color: #2196F3;  
}
```

```
.modal-card.may {  
  border-left-color: #FF9800;  
}
```

```
.modal-card.might {  
  border-left-color: #9C27B0;  
}
```

```
.modal-card h3 {  
  font-size: 1.5em;  
  margin-bottom: 15px;  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: center;  
}
```

```
.modal-card.can h3 { color: #4CAF50; }  
.modal-card.could h3 { color: #2196F3; }  
.modal-card.may h3 { color: #FF9800; }  
.modal-card.might h3 { color: #9C27B0; }
```

```
.icon {  
  width: 30px;
```

```
height: 30px;
margin-right: 10px;
display: inline-block;
}
```

```
.usage-list {
list-style: none;
margin: 15px 0;
}
```

```
.usage-list li {
padding: 10px 0 10px 30px;
position: relative;
}
```

```
.usage-list li::before {
content: "✓";
position: absolute;
left: 0;
color: #4CAF50;
font-weight: bold;
font-size: 1.2em;
}
```

```
.example {
background: white;
padding: 15px;
border-radius: 8px;
margin: 10px 0;
border: 2px solid #e0e0e0;
}
```

```
.example .main-clause {
color: #333;
}
```

```
.example .modal-verb {
font-weight: bold;
padding: 2px 6px;
border-radius: 4px;
}
```

```
.can .modal-verb { background: #c8e6c9; color: #2e7d32; }
.could .modal-verb { background: #bbdefb; color: #1565c0; }
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.may .modal-verb { background: #ffe0b2; color: #e65100; }  
.might .modal-verb { background: #e1bee7; color: #6a1b9a; }
```

```
.comparison-table {  
  width: 100%;  
  border-collapse: collapse;  
  margin: 20px 0;  
  box-shadow: 0 5px 15px rgba(0,0,0,0.1);  
  border-radius: 10px;  
  overflow: hidden;  
}
```

```
.comparison-table th {  
  background: linear-gradient(135deg, #1e3c72 0%, #2a5298 100%);  
  color: white;  
  padding: 15px;  
  text-align: left;  
  font-size: 1.1em;  
}
```

```
.comparison-table td {  
  padding: 15px;  
  border-bottom: 1px solid #e0e0e0;  
  background: white;  
}
```

```
.comparison-table tr:hover td {  
  background: #f5f5f5;  
}
```

```
.mistakes-section {  
  background: #fff3cd;  
  padding: 25px;  
  border-radius: 15px;  
  border: 2px solid #ffc107;  
  margin: 30px 0;  
}
```

```
.mistakes-section h3 {  
  color: #856404;  
  margin-bottom: 20px;  
  font-size: 1.5em;  
  display: flex;  
  align-items: center;
```

```
}
```

```
.mistakes-section h3::before {  
  content: "△";  
  margin-right: 10px;  
  font-size: 1.3em;  
}
```

```
.mistake-item {  
  margin: 15px 0;  
  padding: 15px;  
  background: white;  
  border-radius: 8px;  
}
```

```
.incorrect {  
  color: #d32f2f;  
  padding: 8px 12px;  
  background: #ffebee;  
  border-radius: 5px;  
  display: inline-block;  
  margin: 5px 0;  
}
```

```
.incorrect::before {  
  content: "✗ ";  
  font-weight: bold;  
}
```

```
.correct {  
  color: #388e3c;  
  padding: 8px 12px;  
  background: #e8f5e9;  
  border-radius: 5px;  
  display: inline-block;  
  margin: 5px 0;  
}
```

```
.correct::before {  
  content: "✓ ";  
  font-weight: bold;  
}
```

```
.tips-box {
```

```
background: linear-gradient(135deg, #00d2ff 0%, #3a7bd5 100%);
color: white;
padding: 25px;
border-radius: 15px;
margin: 30px 0;
box-shadow: 0 5px 20px rgba(0,0,0,0.2);
}
```

```
.tips-box h3 {
  margin-bottom: 15px;
  font-size: 1.5em;
  display: flex;
  align-items: center;
}
```

```
.tips-box h3::before {
  content: "💡";
  margin-right: 10px;
}
```

```
.tips-box ul {
  list-style: none;
}
```

```
.tips-box li {
  padding: 10px 0 10px 25px;
  position: relative;
}
```

```
.tips-box li::before {
  content: ">";
  position: absolute;
  left: 0;
}
```

```
@media print {
  body {
    background: white;
    padding: 0;
  }
}
```

```
.container {
  box-shadow: none;
}
```

```
.modal-card:hover {
  transform: none;
}

@media (max-width: 768px) {
  .header h1 {
    font-size: 1.8em;
  }

  .header p {
    font-size: 1em;
  }

  .content {
    padding: 20px 15px;
  }

  .section-title {
    font-size: 1.4em;
  }

  .comparison-table {
    font-size: 0.9em;
  }

  .comparison-table th,
  .comparison-table td {
    padding: 10px;
  }

  .footer {
    background: #f5f5f5;
    padding: 20px;
    text-align: center;
    color: #666;
    border-top: 3px solid #00d2ff;
  }
}
</style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="container">
```

```
<div class="header">
  <h1>📌 Master Modal Verbs in English Grammar</h1>
  <p>Can vs Could vs May vs Might - Complete Cheat Sheet</p>
</div>
```

```
<div class="content">
  <div class="intro-box">
    <h2>What Are Modal Verbs?</h2>
    <p>Modal verbs are auxiliary (helping) verbs that express ability, possibility, permission, and necessity. They are always followed by the base form of the main verb (without "to") and don't change form for different subjects.</p>
  </div>
```

```
<h2 class="section-title">The Four Essential Modals</h2>
```

```
<div class="modal-card can">
  <h3>CAN</h3>
  <p><strong>Primary Uses:</strong></p>
  <ul class="usage-list">
    <li><strong>Ability (Present):</strong> Express current ability or capacity</li>
    <li><strong>Permission (Informal):</strong> Ask for or give informal permission</li>
    <li><strong>Possibility (General):</strong> Express general possibility</li>
  </ul>
```

```
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">She <span class="modal-verb">can</span> swim very well. (Ability)</p>
</div>
```

```
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause"><span class="modal-verb">Can</span> I borrow your pen? (Permission)</p>
</div>
```

```
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">It <span class="modal-verb">can</span> be very cold in December. (Possibility)</p>
</div>
```

```
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">You <span class="modal-verb">can</span> leave early today. (Permission)</p>
</div>
```

```
<div class="modal-card could">
```

COULD

Primary Uses:

Usage List:

- Ability (Past):** Express past ability
- Polite Request:** More polite than "can"
- Possibility (Present/Future):** Express uncertainty
- Suggestion:** Make gentle suggestions

Example:

I could run faster when I was younger. (Past ability)

Example:

Could you please close the window? (Polite request)

Example:

It could rain tomorrow. (Possibility)

Example:

You could try the new restaurant downtown. (Suggestion)

Example:

We could see the mountains from our hotel room. (Past ability)

Modal Card MAY:

MAY

Primary Uses:

Usage List:

- Permission (Formal):** Ask for or give formal permission (50%)
- Possibility (Moderate):** Express moderate probability
- Wish/Hope:** Express wishes in formal contexts

Example:

May I have your attention, please? (Formal permission)

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</div>
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">It <span class="modal-verb">may</span> take longer than
  expected. (Possibility)</p>
</div>
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">You <span class="modal-verb">may</span> leave
  whenever you like. (Formal permission)</p>
</div>
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">She <span class="modal-verb">may</span> arrive late
  due to traffic. (Possibility)</p>
</div>
</div>
```

```
<div class="modal-card might">
  <h3>MIGHT</h3>
  <p><strong>Primary Uses:</strong></p>
  <ul class="usage-list">
    <li><strong>Possibility (Lower):</strong> Express smaller possibility than "may"
    (30-40%)</li>
    <li><strong>Suggestion (Tentative):</strong> Make very gentle suggestions</li>
    <li><strong>Past of May:</strong> Use in formal past contexts</li>
  </ul>
```

```
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">I <span class="modal-verb">might</span> go to the party
  if I finish my work. (Lower possibility)</p>
</div>
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">You <span class="modal-verb">might</span> want to
  bring an umbrella. (Tentative suggestion)</p>
</div>
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">It <span class="modal-verb">might</span> snow tonight,
  but I'm not sure. (Lower possibility)</p>
</div>
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">He <span class="modal-verb">might</span> be able to
  attend the meeting. (Possibility)</p>
</div>
<div class="example">
  <p class="main-clause">They <span class="modal-verb">might</span> have left
  already. (Past possibility)</p>
```

</div>
</div>

<h2 class="section-title">Quick Reference Comparison Table</h2>

<th>Modal Verb</th>	<th>Main Function</th>	<th>Formality Level</th>	<th>Time Reference</th>	<th>Example</th>
<td><strong style="color: #4CAF50;">CAN</td>	<td>Ability, Informal Permission</td>	<td>Informal</td>	<td>Present</td>	<td>I can speak French.</td>
<td><strong style="color: #2196F3;">COULD</td>	<td>Past Ability, Polite Request</td>	<td>Polite/Formal</td>	<td>Past, Present, Future</td>	<td>Could you help me?</td>
<td><strong style="color: #FF9800;">MAY</td>	<td>Formal Permission, Possibility (50%)</td>	<td>Formal</td>	<td>Present, Future</td>	<td>May I enter the room?</td>
<td><strong style="color: #9C27B0;">MIGHT</td>	<td>Lower Possibility (30-40%)</td>	<td>Neutral</td>	<td>Present, Future, Past</td>	<td>It might rain later.</td>

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</tbody>
</table>
```

```
<div class="mistakes-section">
  <h3>Common Mistakes to Avoid</h3>
```

```
  <div class="mistake-item">
    <p><strong>1. Adding "to" after modal verbs:</strong></p>
    <p class="incorrect">I must to leave now.</p>
    <p class="correct">I must leave now.</p>
  </div>
```

```
  <div class="mistake-item">
    <p><strong>2. Adding "s" for third person singular:</strong></p>
    <p class="incorrect">She cans swim very well.</p>
    <p class="correct">She can swim very well.</p>
  </div>
```

```
  <div class="mistake-item">
    <p><strong>3. Using "don't" with modal verbs:</strong></p>
    <p class="incorrect">I don't can swim.</p>
    <p class="correct">I cannot swim. / I can't swim.</p>
  </div>
```

```
  <div class="mistake-item">
    <p><strong>4. Using two modal verbs together:</strong></p>
    <p class="incorrect">She might can attend the meeting.</p>
    <p class="correct">She might be able to attend the meeting.</p>
  </div>
```

```
  <div class="mistake-item">
    <p><strong>5. Wrong verb form after modal:</strong></p>
    <p class="incorrect">He can to speaks English.</p>
    <p class="correct">He can speak English.</p>
  </div>
```

```
  <div class="mistake-item">
    <p><strong>6. Confusing formality levels:</strong></p>
    <p class="incorrect">Can I have your attention? (in formal speech)</p>
    <p class="correct">May I have your attention? (formal)</p>
  </div>
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</div>
```

```
<div class="tips-box">
```

Quick Tips for Mastery

Modal verbs NEVER change form - no -s, -ed, or -ing endings

Always use the base form of the verb after a modal (no "to")

For permission: "May" is formal, "Can" is informal, "Could" is polite

For possibility: "May" suggests 50%, "Might" suggests 30-40%

Use "Could" (not "Can") for past ability in most contexts

To make negatives, add "not" after the modal: cannot, could not, may not, might

not

For questions, invert the modal and subject: Can you...? Could she...?

Remember: Modal + have + past participle = past possibility (could have, might have)

</div>

More Practice Examples

<div class="section">

<h3 style="color: #1e3c72; margin-bottom: 15px;">Ability Examples:</h3>

<div class="example">

<p>Alan <strong style="background: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px 6px; border-radius: 4px;">can swim very well. (Present ability)</p>

</div>

<div class="example">

<p>When I was young, I <strong style="background: #bbdefb; padding: 2px 6px; border-radius: 4px;">could climb trees easily. (Past ability)</p>

</div>

</div>

<div class="section">

<h3 style="color: #1e3c72; margin-bottom: 15px;">Permission Examples:</h3>

<div class="example">

<p><strong style="background: #ffe0b2; padding: 2px 6px; border-radius: 4px;">May I speak with the manager? (Formal)</p>

</div>

<div class="example">

<p><strong style="background: #c8e6c9; padding: 2px 6px; border-radius: 4px;">Can I use your phone? (Informal)</p>

</div>

</div>

<div class="section">

<h3 style="color: #1e3c72; margin-bottom: 15px;">Possibility Examples:</h3>

<div class="example">

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<p>It <strong style="background: #e1bee7; padding: 2px 6px; border-radius: 4px;">might</strong> rain in the evening. (Lower possibility)</p>
```

```
</div>
```

```
<div class="example">
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```
<p>The package <strong style="background: #ffe0b2; padding: 2px 6px; border-radius: 4px;">may</strong> arrive tomorrow. (Moderate possibility)</p>
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</div>
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</div>
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</div>
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```
<div class="footer">
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<p>&img alt="book icon" data-bbox="208 294 231 311"/> Master Modal Verbs | Perfect for Students & Teachers | Print-Friendly  
Format</p>
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</div>
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</div>
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</body>
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</html>
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