

Modals

Function	Modals	Examples
<p>Ability = saber / poder</p> <p>To talk about ability.</p>	<p>Can = Present Could = Past</p> <p>Can't = negative present Couldn't = negative past</p> <p>Questions: Can/Could + subject + verb + extra information?</p>	
<p>Permission = puedo / podri?</p> <p>To ask permission of others to do things. Permission is always a question.</p>	<p>Can = informal Could = polite May = formal</p>	
<p>Requests = puedes / podrias?</p> <p>To ask for things from other people. Requests are always questions.</p>	<p>Can you = informal Could you = polite</p>	
<p>Obligation = deber / tener que</p> <p>These are duties or commitments.</p>	<p>Must = more important Have to = less important Don't doesn't have to = negative obligation</p>	
<p>Prohibition = no debes / no puedes</p> <p>These are things that are not allowed.</p>	<p>Must not/ mustn't = more important Can't = less important</p>	
<p>Advice = consejo</p> <p>Guidance or recommendations.</p>	<p>Should Shouldn't = negative</p>	