

## MODALS & MEANING

Read each of the following sentences. What is the meaning of each modal? Write the meaning next to each sentence.

1. I **have to** call my mom. It's her birthday.
2. You **shouldn't** go to a party on the night before a test.
3. I **d rather** live in a small town than in a big city.
4. I **d like** a cup of coffee, please.
5. You **d better** finish your homework before class.
6. I **could** run so fast when I was child. I had a lot of energy.
7. I **couldn't** stay up after 8pm when I was a little child.
8. **May** I borrow your book for a minute?
9. It **may** rain this weekend.
10. I **had to** do so much homework over the break!
11. You're **not supposed to** speak your native language in class.
12. I **will** call you later.
13. I **might** call you later if I have time.
14. She is yawning. She **must** be tired.
15. You **must not** drink and drive.



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1. Maybe I'll see you later.
2. May I leave at 2pm today?
3. We may have a test next week.
4. We might have a test next week.
5. We will have a test next week.
6. You didn't eat anything all day. You must be hungry.
7. You mustn't carry any weapons onto an airplane.
8. I have to clean my room. It's a mess!
9. I've got to find a new apartment. My neighbors are so noisy!
10. I'm supposed to do all my homework before class.
11. Would you like a cup of coffee?
12. I'd rather have some tea, please.
13. You should try to take public transportation more. It's cheaper and better for the environment.
14. You'd better not buy a big SUV or you'll have to pay a lot for gas.
15. Mary can speak 4 languages.
16. I can paint my apartment if I want to.
17. In my old apartment, I couldn't paint without asking my landlord first.
18. 10 years ago, I couldn't speak English but now I can.

