

Los Modales: Una Introducción

(Video)

...S — PAST — ...ING — ...TO — DO YOU...? You can.. — Can you...?

<i>Related</i>	Modals	Significado
<i>be able to*</i>	CAN('t)	Puedo,puedes,puede....
<i>may (not)</i>	COULD(n't)	Podía, podías.../ podría, podrías.../ pudiera, pudieras...
<i>have to*</i>	MUST(n't)	Debo, debes,debe....
<i>ought to</i>	SHOULD(n't)	Debería, deberías, deberíamos...
<i>be going to*</i>	WILL (won't)	Futuro: Iré, vendrás, sabrá....
<i>may (not)</i>	MIGHT (not)	Futuro + tal vez, quizás
	WOULD(n't)	Condicional: Iría, vendrías, sabría....
<i>Let's*</i>	SHALL	¿Hacemos tal cosa?

*= Not Modals

1. Can, Could vs. Be able to...

I couldn't run when I was a baby, and I won't be able to swim when I am old.

2. Can I..? vs. Could I..? vs. May I..?

Can I have a coffee and some cake? Could I ask you a question? May I come in?

3. Must vs. Have to...

I must practise my English. You have to tell me how!

4. Mustn't vs. Don't have to...

You don't have to come to work tomorrow if you're ill, but you mustn't be late on Tuesday!

5. Should vs. Ought to...

You ought to eat more fruit and vegetables, and you shouldn't drink coke or fanta.

6. (Be) going to vs. Will or Won't...

I'm going to have an exam on Wednesday. I don't think I will pass it!

7. Will vs. Would...

If it's sunny, I will go to the beach. If it was sunny, I would go to the beach

8. Shall vs. Let's...

Shall I take your coat? Let me take your coat!

Where shall we go? Let's go to the zoo!

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(Audio)

Host = Anfitrión	Guest = Húesped / Invitado	Careful = Cuidadoso	Unlucky = 'Malsuertudo'
Refuse = Rechazar	Gift / Present = Regalo	Dish = Plato	Tips = Propinas
Wrong = Mal / Equivocado	Die = Morir	Bodies = Cuerpos	Decompose = Descomponer
Polite = Educado / Cortés	Look for = Buscar	Law = Ley	On time = A punto
To state = Declarar, Manifestar	Bottom = Parte de Abajo	Full = Lleno	Meal = Comida

Here are some laws and customs from around the world. Listen to my explanation and complete the sentences with the correct option:

1. In Iran, you **DON'T HAVE TO / HAVE TO** eat everything on your plate.
2. If you give flowers to your host in China, he or she **WILL / MIGHT NOT** like it!
3. In Israel, you **CAN / SHOULDN'T** cook Spaghetti Carbonara for your guests.
4. In Japan, you **HAVE TO / SHOULD / SHOULDN'T** give tips in a restaurant or bar.
5. An Indian **WON'T / COULD** give you wrong instructions if you ask for directions.
6. In Longyearbyen you **MUST / MUSTN'T / CAN** die.
7. In Russia, a guest **DOESN'T HAVE TO / SHOULD / SHOULDN'T** give a gift.
8. In Denmark, you **MUST / CAN** look for children under your car, and you **MUSTN'T / CAN** escape from prison.
9. In Senegal, you **HAVE TO / SHOULDN'T** admire the decoration in your host's house.
10. In Morocco, you **HAVE TO / SHOULDN'T** open your present immediately.
11. In Ethiopia, you **OUGHT TO / DON'T HAVE TO** have a drink of coffee if you are offered.
12. In the UK there is a law stating that Aliens **WILL HAVE TO / MUSTN'T** invade the country, but if they have a licence, they **CAN / SHOULD**.
13. In Argentina, you **HAVE TO / DON'T HAVE TO** arrive on time to a party.
14. In the USA you **CAN / SHOULD / MUSTN'T** normally use a person's first name in business.
15. In Saudi Arabia women **HAVE TO / SHOULDN'T** cross their legs when they are sitting.
16. In England you **CAN / SHOULD / SHOULDN'T** put up two fingers when you meet someone.
17. In Denmark you **MUST / MUSTN'T / DON'T HAVE TO** pay for your dish in a restaurant.

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