

# Los Modales: Una Introducción

(Video)

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

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

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*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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