

Modal Verbs

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- A kind of auxiliary verb that is used to express modalities (the states/'modes' in which a thing exists)
- Aka. Modal Auxiliaries
= type of helping verb that are used only with a main verb to help express the mood

MODALITY EXPRESSES CONDITIONS:

- Likelihood/certainty
- Ability
- Permission
- Obligation (need)
- Possibility, necessity
- Permission, request
- Capacity
- Suggestion, order
- Obligation, advice

CAN & COULD

- Both can & could are used to express ability, possibility & asking/giving permission

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