

MODAL VERBS

MODAL	EXAMPLES	USES
CAN =μπορώ	He can find any street in London. You can take a taxi. Can you take me to Victoria Station?	<i>Ability</i> = ικανότητα <i>Suggestion</i> = πρόταση <i>Request</i> = παράκληση
BE ABLE TO	He is able to find any street in London.	<i>Ability</i> = ικανότητα
CAN'T = δεν μπορώ	That story can't be true.	<i>Certainty that something is impossible</i> = λογικό συμπέρασμα (αρνηση)
COULD = θα μπορούσα	I could play tennis when I was younger. Could you take me to Victoria Station? You could take a taxi.	<i>Ability</i> = ικανότητα <i>Request</i> = παράκληση <i>Suggestion</i> = πρόταση
MAY = ίσως	It may be quicker to travel by train. May I come in?	<i>Possibility</i> = πιθανότητα <i>Formal request/ Permission</i> = για να ζητήσω κάτι ευγενικά
MIGHT = ίσως	It might be quicker to travel by train.	<i>Possibility</i> = πιθανότητα
MUST = πρέπει	You must be back at 10 o'clock. Look at the snow. It must be cold outside.	<i>Obligation</i> = υποχρέωση <i>Certainty that something is true.</i> = βεβαιότητα ότι κάτι είναι αλήθεια
HAVE TO = πρέπει	You have to be back at 10 o'clock.	<i>Obligation</i> = υποχρέωση
NEED TO χρειάζεται	You need to study a lot.	<i>Obligation.</i> = υποχρέωση
NEEDN'T	You needn't have a university degree.	<i>Lack of obligation.</i> = έλλειψη υποχρέωσης
MUSN'T	You mustn't drive without a license.	<i>Prohibition</i> = απαγόρευση
DON'T HAVE TO	You don't have to call a taxi.	<i>Lack of obligation</i> = έλλειψη υποχρέωσης
SHOULD θα ήταν καλό	You should drive more carefully.	<i>Opinion/Advice</i> = άποψη/ συμβουλή
OUGHT TO θα ήταν καλό	You ought to drive more carefully.	<i>Opinion/Advice</i> = άποψη/ συμβουλή
WOULD θα (υποθετικό)	I would love to spend my holiday in France.	Θα μου άρεσε (υποθετικά) να... / Θα ήθελα

MODAL PERFECT	USES	EXAMPLES
MUST HAVE + P.P. μάλλον έγινε κάτι (σχεδόν σίγουρα)	It expresses a logical conclusion about a past fact.	Peter has arrived late. He must have been in a traffic jam
MAY / MIGHT HAVE + P.P. ίσως έγινε κάτι	We use it to make a supposition about something in the past.	Joe may / might have taken the wrong train.
COULD HAVE + P.P. θα μπορούσε να είχε γίνει κάτι	Ability to do something in the past which in the end was not done	You could have played better
COULDN'T HAVE + P.P. δεν θα μπορούσε να γίνει/ δεν υπήρχε η δυνατότητα	Certainty that something did not happen	He couldn't have passed because you hadn't studied enough
WOULD HAVE + P.P. θα είχε γίνει κάτι (αν υπήρχαν οι προϋποθέσεις)	Desire to do something in the past which in fact could not be done.	I would have visited you, but I forgot your address
SHOULD / OUGHT TO HAVE + P.P. θα έπρεπε να είχε γίνει κάτι	Criticism or regret after an event	You should / ought to have warned me earlier
SHOULDN'T HAVE + P.P. δεν θα έπρεπε να είχε γίνει κάτι (αλλά έγινε)	Criticism or regret after an event, showing that it shouldn't have happened	He shouldn't have told them
NEEDN'T HAVE + P.P. δεν χρειαζόταν να γίνει κάτι	An unnecessary past action	You needn't have bought it .