

MODALS

WTF?? MODALS??

- FOLLOWED BY INFINITIVE (to):
I must ~~to~~ go tomorrow
- DO NOT CHANGE FOR PERSON:
She should read more
- DO NOT NEED AUXILIARIES (QUESTIONS):
~~Do~~ could I go?
- NEVER COMBINE WITH ANOTHER MODAL:
~~Can~~ I ~~have to~~ ~~may~~ go?



CAN

- Ability
- Give Permission

If you water me, I can produce a lot of food!

Can I go to the toilet?

I could fly



COULD

- Ability (past)
- Request
- Suggestion

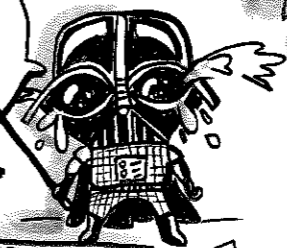
Could you take care of me?

MAY

- ASK for permission (polite)
- Strong possibility (present or future)

It may rain soon...

May the force be with me?
Please?



MIGHT

- Possibility (present or future or past)

You might have to charge me soon...



MUST

- Internal obligation
- Prohibition (negative)
- Assumption

English must be the best subject ever!

You must arrive on time!

You mustn't use cell phones in class!

HAVE TO

- External obligation
- Remove an obligation

You have to eat healthier food

Really?

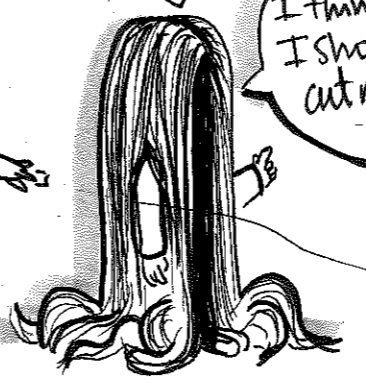


SHOULD

- Opinion
- Regret a past action

I think I should cut my hair...

You shouldn't have voted for me...



OUGHT TO

- The same as should, but formal

That ought to be our train, darling

Indeed, darling

