

# Les Différents modaux selon leurs valeurs : récapitulatif fin de 4°

Can – could / must / may / should / will / would

## Règles communes

→ ils ne se conjuguent pas en genre et en nombre, ni en "temps" (utilisation d'équivalents)

→ ils sont toujours suivis d'une **BASE VERBALE**

→ ils n'ont pas d'infinitif

|  | Degrés de certitudes                                      | Capacités  | Pression exercée sur le sujet   | Autres valeurs   |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| MODAL  |   | Can → capacité actuelle (physique ou intellectuelle)<br><b>I can swim</b>  | Must → obligation /ordre<br><b>You must work.</b>   | Can / would → demande polie<br><b>Can you pass me the water, please ?</b>  |
|  | Must → quasi-certain<br><b>He must be twelve.</b>         | → capacité passée<br><b>I could come.</b>  | Must not / mustn't → interdiction<br><b>You must not smoke</b>  | <b>Would you carry my bag ?</b>  |
|  |   |  | Should → conseil (+ not = reproche)<br><b>You should hurry up.</b>  | Shall → suggestion<br><b>Shall we go to the cinema ?</b>                   |
|  | May → 50-50<br><b>She may come.</b>                       |  | Can / could / may → demander une permission<br><b>Can I stay ?</b><br><b>Could I stay ?</b><br><b>May I stay ?</b>  | Will → renvoi à l'avenir<br><b>I will go to Rome next week.</b>            |
|  | Can → possible<br><b>It can happen.</b>                   |  | → invitation<br><b>Will you do if for me ?</b>  |  |
|  | Could → possible / imaginable<br><b>It could be true.</b> |  | → accorder une permission<br><b>You can stay.</b><br><b>You may stay.</b>   | Would → "conditionnel"<br><b>I would lend you the money if I had some.</b> |
|  | Can't → impossible<br><b>It can't be true.</b>            | Can't / couldn't → incapacité<br><b>I can't / cannot do this exercise.</b><br><b>I couldn't wait any longer.</b> | → refuser une permission<br><b>You can't / cannot stay here.</b><br><b>You may not stay here.</b><br><b>Could + poli que Can</b><br><b>May + poli et formel</b> | → souhait<br><b>I would like to travel more</b>                            |
| REMARQUES  | "Can't" est le contraire de "must"                        |  |   |  |
| Pseudo-modaux:<br>se conjuguent et peuvent suivre un modal |   | Be able to + BV  | Have to → obligation imposée de l'extérieur<br>Aux + not have to + BV → absence d'obligation<br>Be allowed to → permission                                      |  |