

Les modaux : récapitulatif fin de 4°

CAN : contexte présent		
→ Capacité physique ou intellectuelle I can swim → incapacité I can't / cannot do this exercise.	→ demander une permission Can I stay ? → accorder une permission You can stay. → refuser une permission You can't / cannot stay → demande polie Can you pass me the water, please ?	→ exprimer une possibilité It can be true or false. → exprimer une impossibilité It can't be true.
COULD : contexte passé ou irréel		
→ Capacité actuelle atténuée you could help me → capacité actuelle imaginaire You could succeed if you wanted to.	plus poli que Can → demander une permission Could I stay ?	possible / imaginable It could be true.
→ capacité passée I could not come. → incapacité passé I couldn't wait any longer.		
MUST : contexte présent		
obligation / ordre (acceptée) You must work.	Must not / mustn't → interdiction You must not smoke	→ quasi-certain He must be twelve.
MAY		
May → probabilité 50-50 She may come.	Très poli et formel → demander une permission May I stay ? → accorder une permission You may stay. → refuser une permission You may not stay here.	
SHOULD		
→ conseil You should hurry up.	Should not → reproche You should not run in the corridors.	
WILL		
→ renvoi à l'avenir I will go to Rome next week.		
WOULD		
→ "conditionnel" I would lend you the money if I had some.	→ souhait I would like to travel more	