

Modals and conditional form

Modals are auxiliary verbs that can be used with another verb to express a possibility, an opinion, to give advice, an obligation, to be polite or to promise something.

Fonction	Modal	Examples
<u>Possibility</u>	May, might	<i>I may go to the party.</i>
<u>Capability</u>	Can, could	<i>I can stop smoking.</i>
<u>Permission</u>	May, can	<i>Mom, can I go out tonight?</i>
<u>Suggestion or advice</u>	Should	<i>You should not drink so much.</i>
<u>Obligation</u>	Must, have to	<i>You have to stop shopping so much.</i>
<u>Intention or promise</u>	Will, would	<i>I will try to stop.</i>
<u>Politeness</u>	Would, could	<i>Would you help me please?</i>

Here are some examples on how to write an affirmative, a negative or a question sentence.

Affirmative	Negative	Question
I would go to the gym everyday.	I would not go to the gym everyday.	Would you go to the gym everyday?
I could stop smoking.	I could not stop smoking. (Couldn't)	Could you stop smoking?
I should stop smoking	I should not smoke. (Shouldn't)	Shouldn't you stop smoking?