



**At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:**  
\* tell the different usage of the modal verbs; can, may and must.



## Let's Study!

### CAN

- ability
- possibility
- probability
- permission (informal)

I can swim very well.

We can go to London this weekend.

It can be Nick. He has brown hair and is wearing glasses.

Can I borrow your pen?

### MAY

- permission (formal)
- probability or prediction

May I borrow your car this weekend?

I can see dark clouds. It may rain tonight.

### MUST

- strong obligation
- strong recommendation
- certainty
- must not (for prohibition)

It's an important meeting. You must attend.

"Gravity" is the best film I've ever seen. You must watch it.

She must be at home now. It's already half past midnight.

You mustn't smoke. You know it's dangerous for your health.



**Let's Try!**

\* Choose the appropriate modal verb that will complete each sentence. Choose your answer from the box below.

may	must not	must	can't
	could	can	

1. \_\_\_\_ you swim when you were 10?
2. We only have a minute. We \_\_\_\_ finish this by then.
3. I'm not good at football. I \_\_\_\_ play football.
4. Teachers \_\_\_\_ beat children. It's forbidden.
5. Mr. Richards \_\_\_\_ I have a minute, please?
6. \_\_\_\_ he speak English fluently?