

Name _____ **Modal Auxiliaries**



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DIRECTIONS: Match the modal auxiliaries to their functions.

- A. could B. will C. would D. may E. should
F. ought to G. can H. might I. shall

- _____ 1. Used to express ability, willingness, permission, or possibility
- _____ 2. Used to express permission or possibility.
- _____ 3. The past tense of can.
- _____ 4. Used when you are volunteering to do something in the future.
- _____ 5. Functions as the past tense of will.
- _____ 6. Functions as the conditional mood of will.
- _____ 7. Can replace can and give the phrase a more conditional tone
- _____ 8. Used to express slightly less possibility.
- _____ 9. Used when you are deciding at the time of speaking to do something in the future.
- _____ 10. Used to be polite.
- _____ 11. Can function in the same way as might or may, suggesting that something is a possibility.
- _____ 12. Used to express the idea, best action which happens in the future.
- _____ 13. Used to express the ideal, best future action with an obligatory tone.
- _____ 14. Expresses a future action as an order or prophecy.