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**WORK with MODALS**

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| **MODALS** | **TO EXPRESS** | **MEANING** | **PAST** | **EXAMPLE** |
| **CAN / CAN´T** | **ABILITY** | **PODER (saber)** | **COULD** | **-Francesca can speak 3 languages**  **-When she was five,she could play the violin** |
| **MAY**  **MIGHT**  **COULD** | **POSSIBILITY** | **PUEDE QUE** | **+HAVE +PARTICIPLE** | **-I´ll take an umbrela. It might rain later**  **-I can´t find my umbrella. I may have left it at school** |
| **SHOULD**  **or**  **OUGHT TO** | **ADVICE** | **DEBERIAS** | **+ HAVE + PARTICIPLE** | **You look tired . You shouldn´t work so hard** |
| **MUST** | **OBLIGATION**  **(strong advice )** | **DEBER** | **HAD TO** | **If I want to pass the course , I must study everyday.** |
| **HAVE TO / HAS TO** | **OBLIGATION**  **( rules , laws…)** | **TENER QUE** | **HAD TO** | **-In many countries men have to do the military service**  **-My mum is a nurse . Last week she had to work a lot.** |
| **MUSTN´T** | **PROHIBITION** | **NO DEBER** | **WASN´T / WEREN´T ALLOWED** | **-You mustn´t speak during an exam**  **-We couldn´t say anything. We weren´t allowed to speak** |
| **NEEDN´T**  **or**  **DON´T /DOESN´T HAVE TO** | **ABSENCE OF OBLIGATION** | **NO HACE FALTA QUE / NO ES NECESARIO QUE…** | **+ HAVE + PARTICIPLE**  **or**  **DIDN´T HAVE TO** | **-We have plenty of food in the fridge. We needn´t go to the supermarket today.** |
| **MUST (+)**  **CAN´T ( -)** | **CERTAINTY** | **-Estoy seguro…(debe de )**  **-Es imposible ( no puede…)** | **+ HAVE + PARTICIPLE** | **-You have been travelling all day. You must be tired ( I am sure..)**  **-You´ve just had dinner.You can´t be hungry ( It is impossible…)** |