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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…)** |