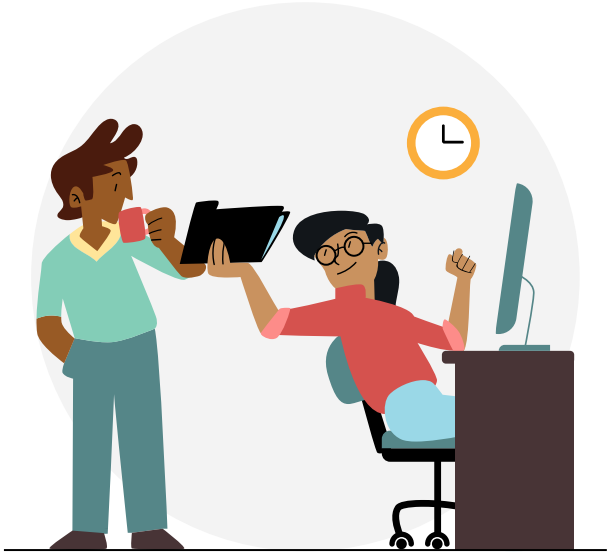
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Here is where this template begins



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Must

90-100% (sure it’s TRUE)

- She must be in the garden (I’m sure she is in the garden)
- They must know each other

Can’t

90-100% (sure NOT TRUE)

- She can’t be his mother. (I’m sure she is NOT his mother)
- He’s just left. He can’t be too far

May/Might (Not)

30-50% (maybe it’s TRUE)

- She may/might be gone

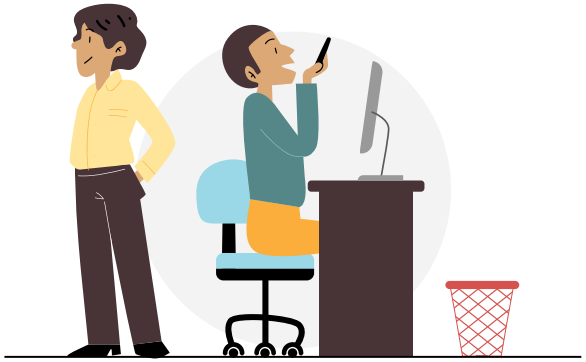
30-50% (maybe NOT TRUE)

- He may/might not remember who you are. (Maybe he does NOT remember)

Use Can’t (NOT Mustn’t)

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It’s terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury, and its atmosphere is extremely poisonous. It’s the second-brightest natural object in the night sky

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Exercise I: Can

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the entire Solar System

01

Ability	Write here a sentence with can

02

Permission	Write here a sentence with can

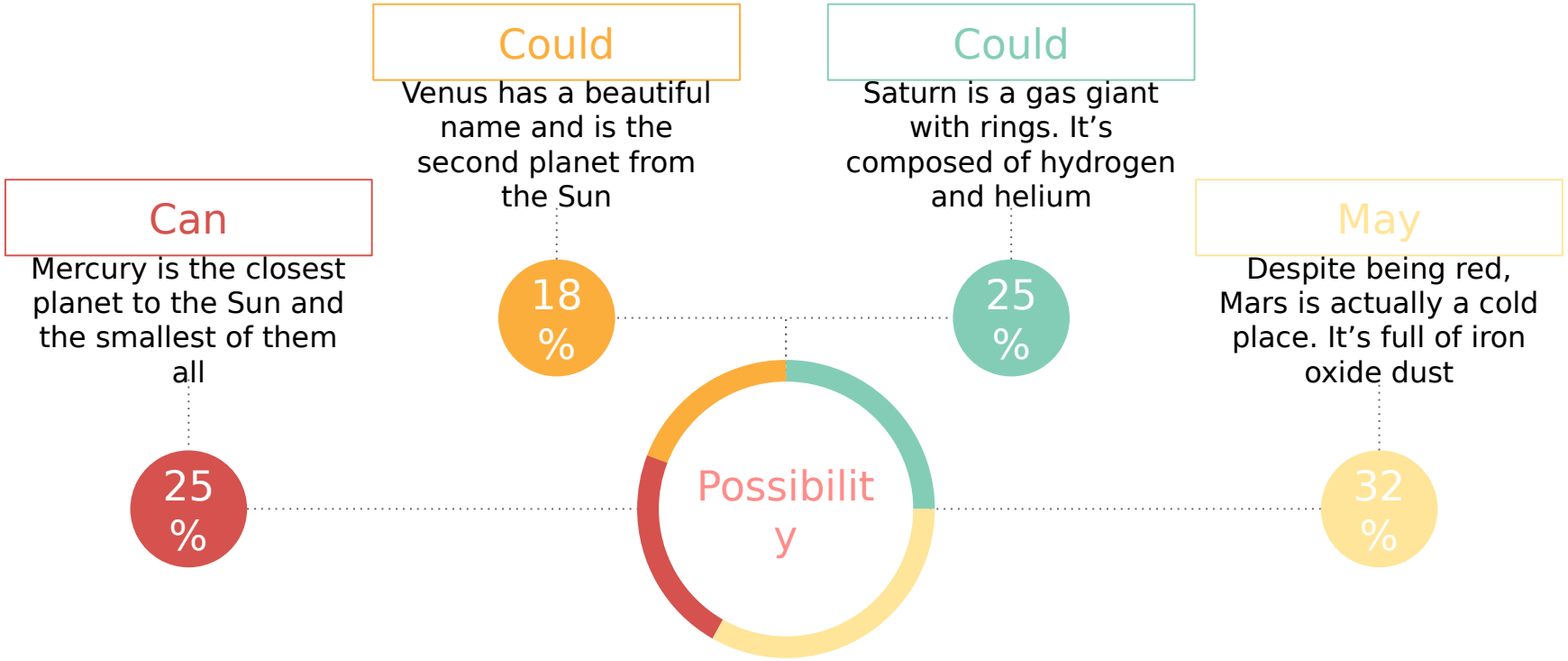
03

Obligation	Write here a sentence with can

04

Can Not	Write here a sentence with can

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Permission

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings. It's composed mostly of hydrogen and helium. It was named after the Roman god of agriculture



Can

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System

- “Mercury is very small”



Could

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

- “Mars is full of iron oxide”

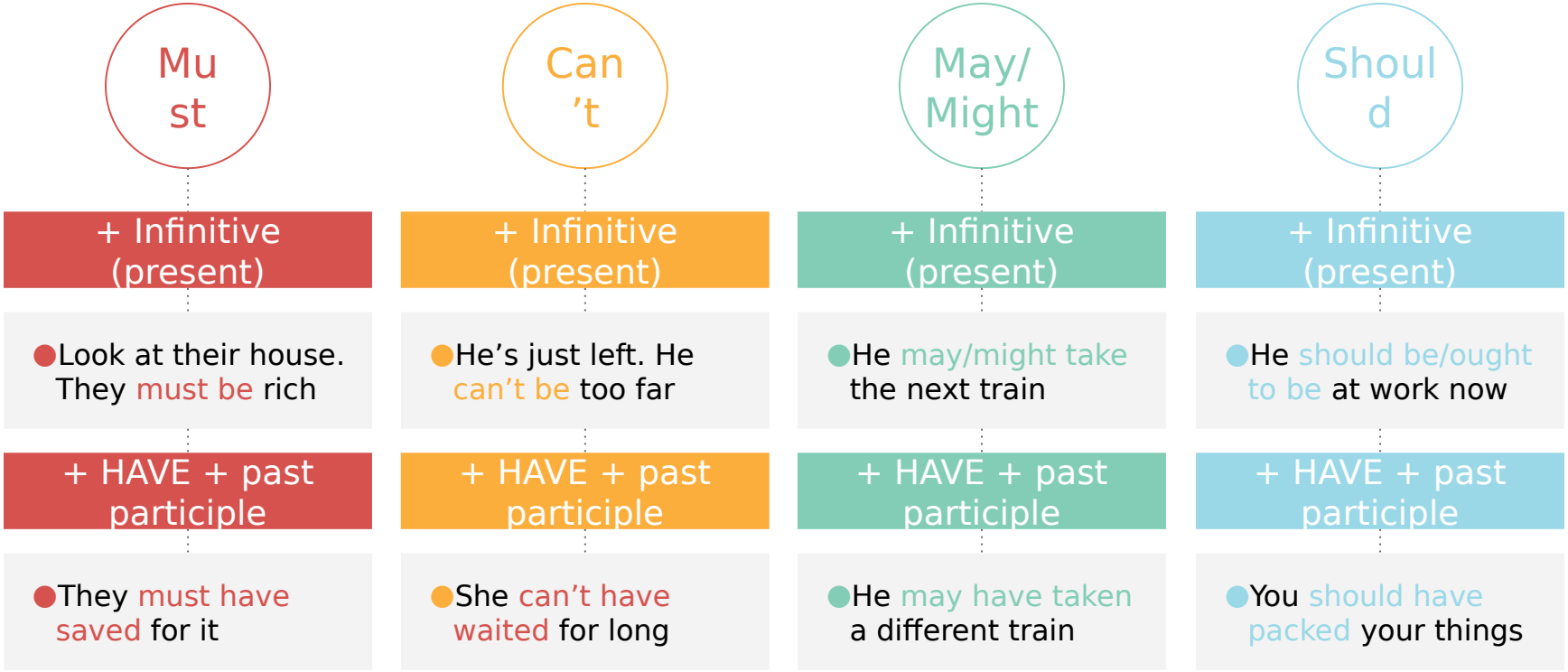


May

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It’s full of iron oxide dust

- “Earth is the blue planet”

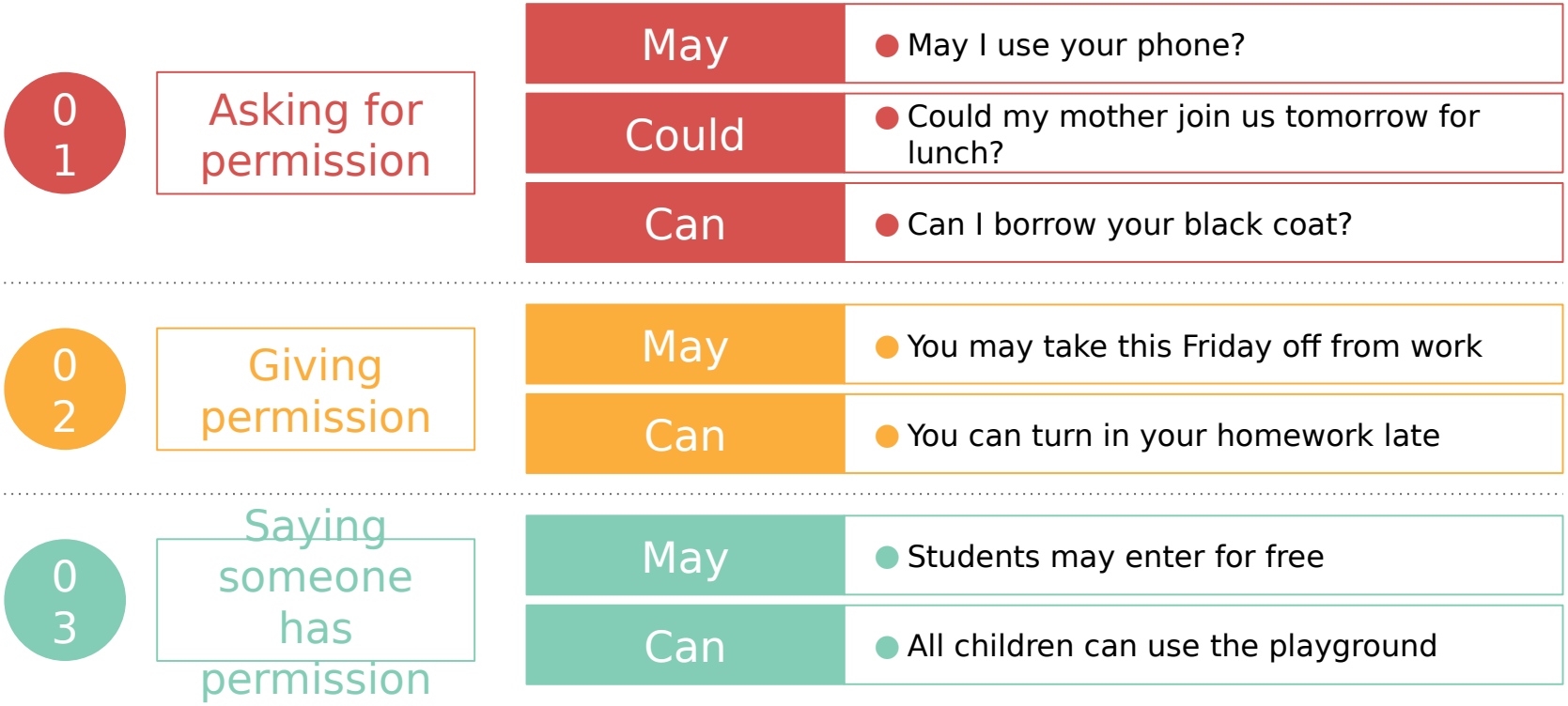
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Have to			
Subject	Have to		Verb
I/You	have to		work
He/She/It	have to		work
We/You/They	have to		work
Subject	Do not	Have to	Verb
I/You	do not	have to	work
He/She/It	do not	have to	work
We/You/They	do not	have to	work

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What are the commonly used modals can

01

Permission: Can

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun



02

Possibility: Can

Earth is the beautiful planet where we all live. It’s known as the blue planet



03

Obligation: Can

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust



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When are modal verbs used?

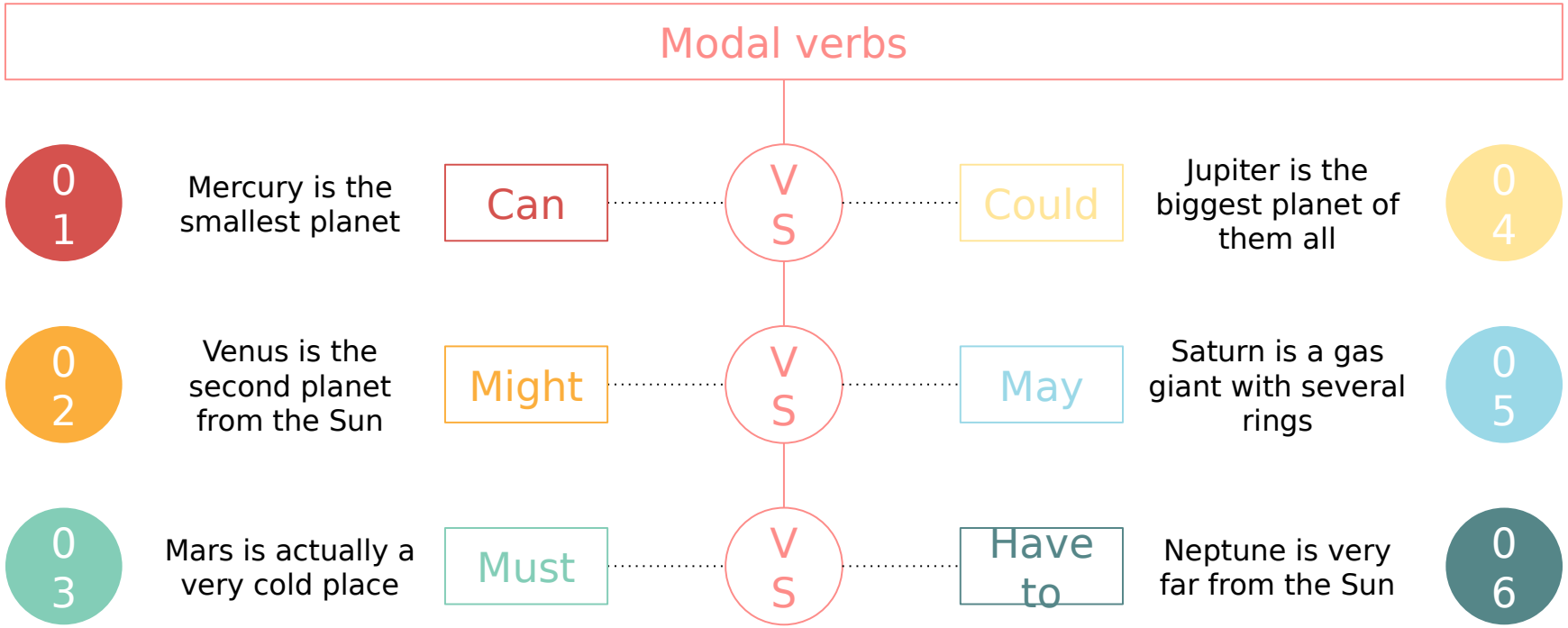
What special conditions do modal verbs show? Here’s a list

- Mercury



01	Ability	Can, Could
	Permission	Can, Could, May
02		
03	Obligation	Must, Have to
	Possibility	Might, May, Could, Can
04		
05	Advice	Should

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Choose the correct answer

Can | Can’t | Could | Couldn’t

1. Penguins _____ swim very well
2. I _____ run very fast
3. It's snowing, so we _____ go out now
4. Yesterday we _____ play
5. _____ you play the piano
6. We came as fast as we _____
7. I _____ sleep last night
8. It's snowing, so we _____ go out

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Modal verbs forms	
Full forms	Contractions
Can/Cannot	-/Can’t
Could/Could not	-/Couldn’t
Will/Will not	‘ll/Won’t
May/May not	-/-
Should/Should not	-/Shouldn’t
Might/Might not	-/Mightn’t
Must/Must not	-/Mustn’t

English modal verbs infographics

Choose the correct answer

01

_____ you help me with my English exam?

- Might
- Will
- Ought
- Should

02

_____ I go to the toilet, please?

- May
- Might
- Would
- Must

03

We _____ take an umbrella. It looks like it’s raining cats and dogs

- May
- Should
- Might
- Could

04

You _____ read the washing machine instructions or you will ruin your clothes

- Could
- Must
- Will
- Ought

English modal verbs infographics

Should

Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet in the Solar System. It's the fourth-brightest object in the night sky. It was named after a Roman god

Example: “I should eat more vegetables”



01

Advice

Mercury is the smallest planet

02

Obligation

Venus has very high temperatures

03

Probability

Despite being red, Mars is cold

04

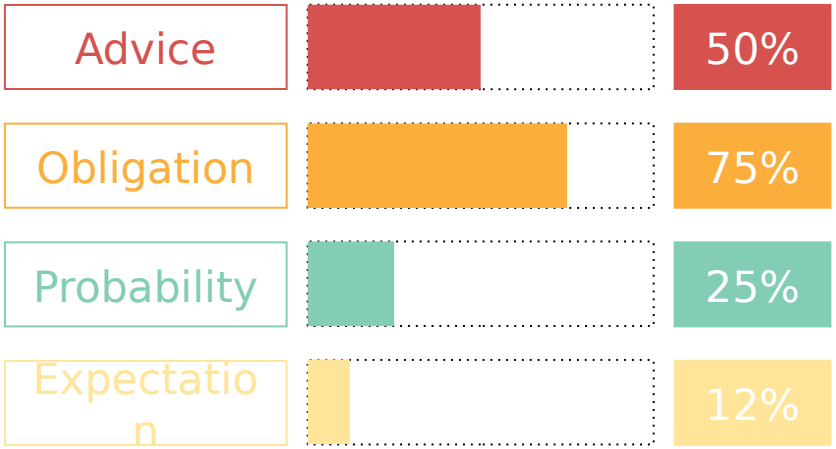
Expectation

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

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Should

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings. It's composed mostly of hydrogen and helium



Subject + Auxiliary Verb (Should) + Main Verb

Advice

“You should see the new James Bond movie”

Obligation

“You should wear your seatbelt when driving”

Probability

“Are you ready? The train should be here soon”

Expectation

“It’s enough. It shouldn't cost more than that”

English modal verbs infographics

True or false		
Ability	T/F	“They can help you with building your house”
Deduction	T/F	“You must do your homework every night”
Permission	T/F	“Can I help you carry those bags?”
Write three sentences using these modals verbs		
Obligation	Insert your answer here	
Expectation	Insert your answer here	
Prohibition	Insert your answer here	

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Other uses

Suggestion

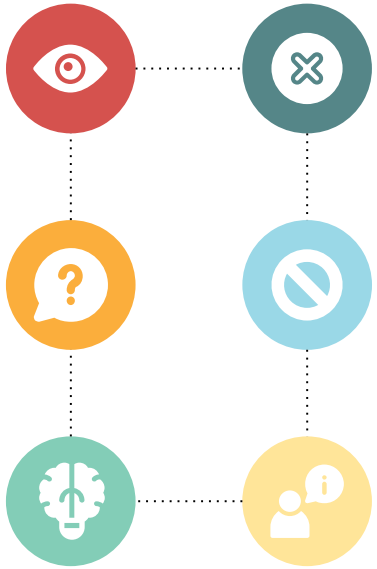
Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

Conditional

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

Deduction

Saturn is composed mostly of hydrogen and helium



Not Necessary

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one

Prohibition

The Sun is the star at the center of the Solar System

Recommendation

Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet in the Solar System

English modal verbs infographics

Can

Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet of them all

Example: “Can I help you?”



Ability	Mercury is the smallest planet
Venus has high temperatures	Offer
Possibility	Mars is actually a very cold place
Saturn is a gas giant	Request
Can not	Neptune is far from the Sun
We all live in Earth	Permission

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Top 3 most used modal verbs

Can

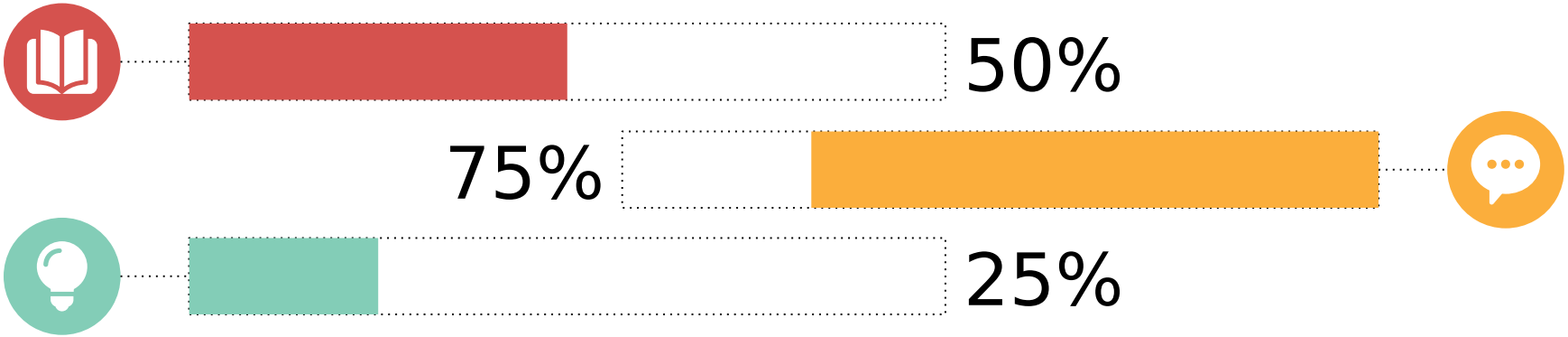
Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

Could

Venus has very high temperatures

May

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place



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Obligation modal verbs

Must	Not necessary
Venus has a nice name and extremely high temperatures	Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one
“I must study today”	“I should clean my bedroom”
“You mustn't smoke here”	“You don't have to eat anything you don't like”



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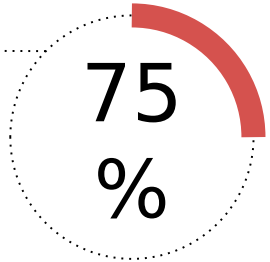
Modal verbs							
Types	Can	Could	May	Must	Have To	Might	Should
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Obligation	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
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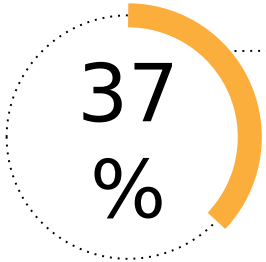
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01

Ability

Venus is the second planet from the Sun





Obligation

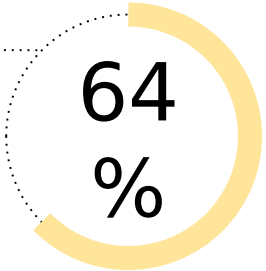
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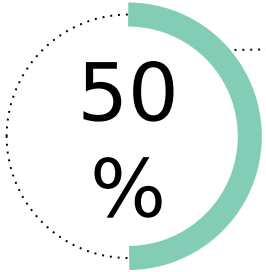
02

04

Permission

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun





Advice

Saturn is mostly composed of hydrogen and helium

03

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1	We _____ find the solution	May	Write here the solution
2	If he asked me out, I _____ accept	Might	Write here the solution
3	We _____ to drive slowly	Can’t	We can’t find the solution
4	_____ you fix the door?	Should	Write here the solution
5	You _____ watch this movie	Would	Write here the solution
6	If you try it you _____ like it	Could	Write here the solution
7	You _____ ask him that	Ought	Write here the solution

English modal verbs infographics

Can

CAN + Infinitive form

- “Riding your bike to work can save you a lot of money”



Might

MIGHT + Infinitive form

- “I might go out for lunch today”

Should

SHOULD + Infinitive form

- “You should talk to your supervisor if you have a problem”

May

MAY + Infinitive form

- “Our competitor may be going out of business”

Would

Would + Infinitive form

- “I would rather go to work early than stay late”

English modal verbs infographics

Have to

Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet in the Solar System. It's the fourth-brightest object in the night sky

Must

Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun. It's also the fourth-largest object by diameter in the Solar System

Uses of to

Not necessary

Give an example sentence with this modal verb

Obligation

Give an example sentence with this modal verb

Uses of must

Prohibition

Give an example sentence with this modal verb

Recommendation

Give an example sentence with this modal verb

Deduction

Give an example sentence with this modal verb

Obligation

Give an example sentence with this modal verb

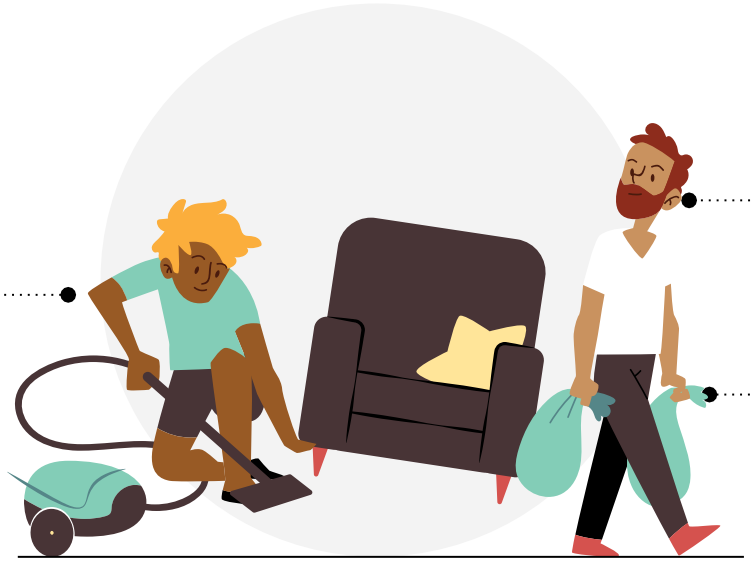
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Must or have to

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

Must or mustn’t

Mercury is the smallest planet



Have to

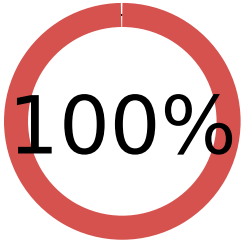
Mars is actually a very cold place

Don’t have to

Jupiter is the biggest planet

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Obligation of modal verbs



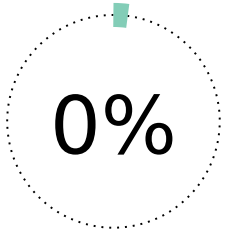
Must

Venus is the second planet from the Sun. And its atmosphere is extremely poisonous



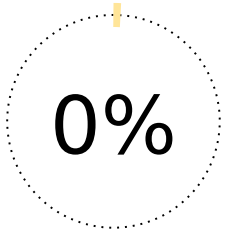
Have to

Earth is the third planet from the Sun and the only one that harbors life in the Solar System



Should

Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust, which gives the planet its color



Ought To

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings. It's composed mostly of hydrogen and helium

English modal verbs infographics

Uses of the most common verbs

Obligation

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one

- “Mercury is super small”

Deduction

Venus has a beautiful name and it’s even hotter than Mercury

- “Venus is toxic”



Recommendation

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place. It’s full of iron oxide dust

- “Mars is made of rock”

Prohibition

Saturn is a gas giant. It’s also has several rings

- “Saturn is beautiful”

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What are the commonly used modals could?

Subject + Modal verb (Could) + + Main verb	Affirmative	Give an example sentence with this modal verb	● “Venus has a beautiful name” ● “Mars is actually a very cold place” ● “Saturn has rings”
Subject + Modal verb (Could) + Not + Main verb	Negative	Give an example sentence with this modal verb	● “Mercury is the smallest planet” ● “We all live in Earth” ● “Jupiter is the biggest planet”
Modal verb (Could) + Subject +	Question	Give an example sentence with this modal verb	● “Neptune is far from the Sun” ● “Pluto is a dwarf planet” ● “The moon is our satellite”

English modal verbs infographics

Expressing probability



MUST

VERY certain

- “We all live in Earth”
- “Jupiter is a gas giant”



SHOULD

LOW certain

- “Saturn is made of hydrogen”
- “Mercury is very small”



Might

NOT certain

- “Mars is a cold place”
- “Pluto is a dwarf planet”

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