

GRAMMAR

MODAL VERBS



**Full P.P.E. must be worn
beyond this point**

must be worn



**ALL VISITORS MUST
REPORT TO SITE OFFICE**

must report



**UNAUTHORISED ENTRY TO
THIS SITE IS FORBIDDEN**



**CAUTION
SITE TRAFFIC**

**WE APOLOGISE FOR
ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED**

must be worn



**Hard hats
must be worn
on this site**



**Protective footwear
must be worn
on this site**



**No unauthorised
persons allowed
on this site**



**Danger
Men at work**



Dublin City

Baile Átha Cliath

Dogs must be kept on lead
at all times

must be kept

caitnítear madraí a choinneáil
ar ghreim éille i gcónaí

LET'S GET STARTED ...

NEED MUST WILL

CAN COULD SHALL

WOULD MIGHT

MAY

SHOULD



LET'S GET STARTED ...

- ⦿ Workers **must wear** hard hats at all times.
- ⦿ Modals only have **one form!**
- ⦿ **Don't use two modals** at the same time!

LET'S GET STARTED ...

- ⦿ can => to be able to + infinitive
- ⦿ must => to have to + infinitive
- ⦿ I **might** **have to** go to the meeting.
- ⦿ The quality manager **had to** close the site.
- ⦿ I **won't** **be able to** come to the meeting.

MUST

- ⦿ Do we **have to** finish homework by tomorrow or Wednesday?
- ⦿ We´ll **have to** work hard to finish production.
- ⦿ You **don´t have to** help me - I **can** do it on my own!

- ⦿ You **mustn´t** access the construction site without a hard hat!


CAN / COULD

- ◉ Can you increase production speed?
- ◉ Could you open the window, please?
- ◉ While I was living in China, I could understand the Chinese language without difficulties.
- ◉ I was able to speak to the manager today.

CAN / COULD

- ⦿ In my last job I **could** change shifts whenever I wanted to.
- ⦿ In my last job I **was allowed to** change shifts whenever I wanted to.
- ⦿ We **could** increase production if everyone worked long hours.

SHOULD

- ⦿ Mark left two hours ago, so he **should** be home soon.
- ⦿ You **should** read the manual before working with the machine.

MAY / MIGHT

- ⦿ Our competitor **might** develop a new product.
- ⦿ He's not wearing PPE, he **might** hurt himself.
- ⦿ We **may not** be able to deliver on time, I'm afraid.
- ⦿ **May** I come in here?

SUMMARY

MUST

WILL

MAY

COULD

MIGHT

SHOULD