# MODALS

| MODALS | USAGE |
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| could/may/might | • to say something is possible but not certain |
| can't | • to say something is impossible |
| must | • to show we know something is true (and there are reasons for this suggestion) |
| should | • to suggest something is true (and there are reasons for this suggestion) |
| have to | • when we talk about obligations (things we have no choice about doing) |
| need to | • when we talk about things that are necessary to do in order to achieve a goal |
| would rather | • to show preference for one thing over another thing |
| had better | • to give advice about specific over another thing |
| should and ought to | • **should** and **ought to** are similar but **should** is used more than **ought to**.<br>• We used **should** and **ought to** to talk about obligation and give advice. |