

Chapter 50: Modals for Requests, Permission & Advice (Can, Could, Should, Must, Have to)

Arre boss! आज हम English ke power tools seekhne वाले हैं – Modals. Ye chhote-chhote helping words hai jo tumhari baat ko polite, formal, ya thoda ज़्यादा strong bana देते हैं. Jaise dost ko bolo:

- “Can you give me water?” (आराम से)
- “Could you give me water?” (और polite)
- “You should drink water.” (सलाह दे रहे हो)
- “You must drink water.” (strong advice/zaroori baat)
- “I have to drink water.” (compulsion = majboori)

Samajh gaye? Mast hai na topic!

Modals क्या हैं?

Modals = Helping verbs jo request, permission aur advice dikhate hain. Hindi mein: ये समझो English ke “tone adjust karne वाले button”.

Kab Use Karte Hain?

(1) For Request (निवेदन)

- Can you help me?
- Could you open the door?

(2) For Permission (अनुमति)

- Can I use your phone?
- Could I go now?

(3) For Advice (सलाह/Compulsion)

- You should eat fruits.
- You must wear a helmet.
- I have to finish my homework.

Shortcut:

- **Can / Could** = requests & permissions.
- **Should** = हल्की सलाह.
- **Must / Have to** = Strong rule ya majboori.

Example Sentences (20)

Requests (Can/Could)

- (1) Can you help me? = क्या आप मेरी मदद कर सकते हैं?
- (2) Could you give me some water? = क्या आप मुझे थोड़ा पानी देंगे?
- (3) Can you open the window? = क्या आप खिड़की खोल सकते हैं?
- (4) Could I use your pen? = क्या मैं आपका पेन इस्तेमाल कर सकता हूँ?
- (5) Can you show me the way? = क्या आप मुझे रास्ता दिखा सकते हैं?

Permission (Can/Could)

- (6) Can I sit here? = क्या मैं यहाँ बैठ सकता हूँ?
- (7) Can I use your phone? = क्या मैं आपका फोन इस्तेमाल कर सकता हूँ?
- (8) Could I leave early today? = क्या मैं आज जल्दी जा सकता हूँ?
- (9) Can I borrow your book? = क्या मैं आपकी किताब उधार ले सकता हूँ?
- (10) Can children play here? = क्या बच्चे यहाँ खेल सकते हैं?

Advice / Obligation (Should / Must / Have to)

- (11) You should eat healthy food. = तुम्हें हेल्दी खाना खाना चाहिए।
- (12) He should study more. = उसे ज़्यादा पढ़ाई करनी चाहिए।
- (13) You must wear a seatbelt. = तुम्हें सीटबेल्ट ज़रूर पहननी चाहिए।
- (14) You must not smoke here. = तुम्हें यहाँ स्मोक नहीं करना चाहिए।
- (15) I must go now. = मुझे अब जाना ही होगा।
- (16) We have to attend the class. = हमें क्लास अटेंड करनी ही होगी।
- (17) She has to finish her homework. = उसे अपना होमवर्क पूरा करना है।
- (18) They have to follow the rules. = उन्हें नियम मानने होंगे।
- (19) You should not waste time. = तुम्हें समय बर्बाद नहीं करना चाहिए।
- (20) I must drink water, I am very thirsty. = मुझे पानी ज़रूर पीना है, मैं बहुत प्यासा हूँ।

Vocabulary List (with phonetics + meaning)

- (1) Help = मदद (help)
- (2) Window = खिड़की (win-do)

- (3) Way = रास्ता (wei)
- (4) Phone = फ़ोन (fo-n)
- (5) Book = किताब (buk)
- (6) Children = बच्चे (chil-dren)
- (7) Food = खाना (fud)
- (8) Healthy = स्वास्थ्यवर्धक (hel-thee)
- (9) Seatbelt = सीटबेल्ट (seet-belt)
- (10) Smoke = धूम्रपान (smouk)
- (11) Rules = नियम (roo-lz)
- (12) Homework = गृहकार्य (hom-wark)
- (13) Water = पानी (wa-tar)
- (14) Leave = निकलना/छोड़ना (leev)
- (15) Time = समय (taim)

Funny Recap (Arre Yaar Chat Style)

Boss, ab short-cuts yaad कर लो:

- Can / Could = Requests/Permission (polite banne ka tareeka).
- Should = हल्की सलाह (Arre yaar, ये करना अच्छा है).
- Must = Strong rule/compulsion (ये करना ही होगा!).
- Have to = Majboori (mujhe करना ही पड़ेगा).

Masti Example:

- Dost bola: "Can I eat your samosa?"
- Tum बोले: "No, you should eat salad!"
- Dost ज़िद किया: "But I must eat samosa now!"
- Tum बोले: "Arre yaar, then I have to order 2 more!"
- Bas boss! Ab tum requests, permissions aur advice mast style mein English mein de सकते हो.