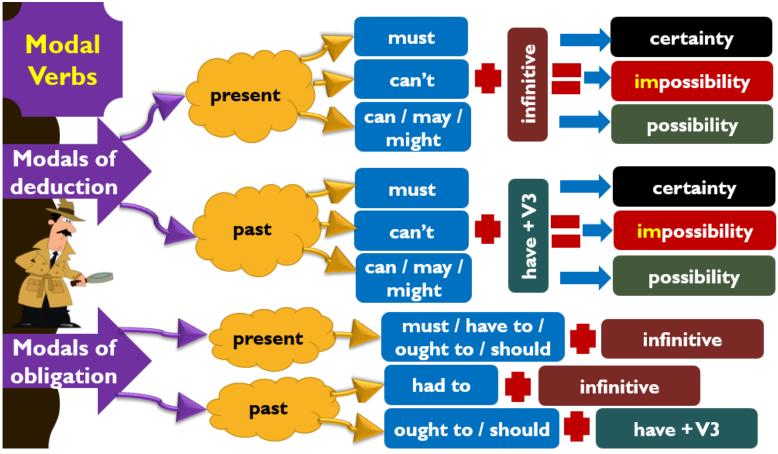


Modal Verbs



Modals of deduction and speculation : a. present:

- 1. Sam has just bought another new car. He **must** earn a lot of money.
- **2.** I can't open the door because I don't have the key.
- **3.** He **can** *open* the door because he has the key.
- **4.** It **may** / **might** *rain* tomorrow.

b. past:

- 1. You must have been happy when you heard you'd won the lottery.
- 2. I can't have left my wallet on the bus. I had it in the supermarket.
- **3.** They **can** have gone out for a picnic.
- **4.** I can't find my wallet. I **may** / **might** have left it in the supermarket but I just don't know.

2. Modals of obligation:

a. present:

1. You must / have to / ought to / should revise your lessons.

b. past:

- 1. I had to wear a school uniform when I was a child.
- 2. You should / ought to have taken that job. It was a bad idea not to do so.
- **3.** We <u>didn't</u> have to go to school on Saturdays. (no obligation)



