

Die Ersatzformen der Modalverben

Modalverben lassen sich in der Regel nur im Simple Present verwenden. Für alle anderen Zeiten kommen die Ersatzformen der Modalverben zum Einsatz.

can	be able to (<i>Fähigkeit</i>)	After the course I was able to speak almost fluently.
	be allowed to (<i>Erlaubnis</i>)	When you are grown up, you will be allowed to drive a car.
cannot / can't	not be able to (<i>Fähigkeit</i>)	At that time I wasn't able to play tennis.
	not be allowed to (<i>Erlaubnis</i>)	They were not allowed to talk.

- Im Simple Past kann als Ersatzform für *can* auch *could* dienen.

– After the course I could speak almost fluently.

They couldn't talk.

may	be allowed to	I was allowed to go in.
may not	not be allowed to	They won't be allowed to drink beer.

- *be allowed to* deckt nur die Bedeutung *dürfen* von *may* ab. Soll mit *may* eine Möglichkeit bzw. Vermutung ausgedrückt werden, so geschieht dies durch den Infinitiv des Present Perfect.

– He may have missed the train. – *Vielleicht hat er den Zug verpasst.*

need not	not have to	You didn't have to help me.
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must	have to	You will have to study much harder.
must not	not be allowed to	He was not allowed to go home.

- **Übung 1:** Ergänze die Sätze mit der passenden Ersatzform des Modalverbs.

1. I must meet my best friend. – I _____ meet my best friend.

2. May I go to the beach? – _____ go to the beach?

3. You may stay up late. – You _____ stay up late.

4. He can play tennis. – He _____ play tennis.

5. You must get up early. – You _____ get up early.

6. She cannot leave now. – She _____ leave now.

7. We need not walk. – We _____ walk.

8. You must not tell lies. – You _____ tell lies.

9. They may not enter. – They _____ enter.

- **Übung 2:** Gib den Satz mit der Ersatzform des Modalverbs in den verschiedenen Zeiten wieder.

Zukunft mit will

Simple Past

Present Perfect

1. I can skate.

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2. Joe must not lie.

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3. You may leave.

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4. She can't sing.

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5. They must not smoke.

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6. You needn't say more.

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7. He must go.

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8. You can stay.

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9. You can't be so strict.

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• **Übung 3:** Überlege, ob du das Modalverb einsetzen kannst. Wenn nicht, verwende die entsprechende Ersatzform.

1. Du brauchst keinen Arzt zu rufen. – You _____ (need not) call a doctor.
2. Er brauchte nicht zu antworten. – He _____ (need not) answer.
3. Ich konnte ihn überhaupt nicht hören. – I _____ (cannot) hear him at all.
4. Durftest du gestern zur Feier gehen? – _____ (you / may) go to the party yesterday?
5. Er darf jetzt nicht Auto fahren. – He _____ (must not) drive now.
6. Sie mussten länger bleiben. – They _____ (must) stay longer.
7. Seit er sie das erste Mal gesehen hat, kann er nicht mehr schlafen. – Since he saw her for the first time he _____ (cannot) sleep anymore.
8. Sie müssen morgen zeitig los. – They _____ (must) leave early tomorrow.
9. Er brauchte nicht zu arbeiten. – He _____ (need not) work.
10. Wir dürfen heute Abend den Film sehen. – We _____ (may) watch the film tonight.

• **Übung 4:** Ergänze die Dialoge nach dem Muster. Wähle passende Zeiten.

1. Can you speak Japanese? – I can't speak Japanese now, but I was able to speak Japanese when I was a child.
2. May I see her now? – You _____ see her now, but you _____ see her tomorrow.

3. Must I clean my room today? – You _____ clean your room today, but you _____ clean it before school starts again.
4. Can I use your computer? – You _____ use my computer now, but you _____ use it while I am travelling.
5. Can we see the cathedral from your balcony? – We _____ see the cathedral from my apartment, but we _____ see it once we get out.
6. Must I put on this horrible tie and shirt? – You _____ put it on now, but you _____ put it on when we go to church.
7. Can't you edit the photo to make it look better? –
I _____ edit it right now, but I
_____ to edit it once I have worked
through my Gimp tutorial.
8. May we go in now? – You _____ go in now, but you _____ go in in a minute.



*Gimp – open source
image editor*

• **Übung 5:** Übersetze.

1. Peter durfte ein Fußballspiel schauen.

2. Wir konnten ihn bis jetzt noch nicht finden.

3. Sam wird gute Zensuren schreiben (write good marks) können.

4. Ich brauchte gestern keine Karten zu kaufen.

5. Du wirst fleißiger lernen müssen (study harder).

6. Er durfte nicht fernsehen.
