



Modal Verbs



MUST NOT

not be allowed to / nicht dürfen

Present tense: I **must not** watch TV.
I **am not allowed to** watch TV.

Past tense: I **was not allowed to** watch TV.

Future: I **won't be allowed to** watch TV.

MUST

to have to / has to / müssen

Present tense: I **must** do my homework.
I **have to do** my homework.

Past tense: I **had to do** my homework.

Future: I **will have to do** my homework.

CAN

to be able to / können, fähig sein

Present tense: I **can** help you.
I **am able to** help you.

Past tense: I **could** help you.
I **was able to** help you.

Future: I **will be able to** help you.

MAY

to be allowed to / dürfen

Present tense: I **may** go to the party.
I **am allowed to** go to the party.

Past tense: I **was allowed to** go to the party.

Future: I **will be allowed to** go to the party.

DON'T HAVE TO = DON'T NEED TO = NEEDN'T = HAVEN'T GOT TO

nicht brauchen, nicht müssen

Present tense: I **don't have to** help him = I **don't need to** help him = I **haven't got to** help him
= I **needn't** help him.

Past tense: I **didn't have to** help him = I **didn't need to** help him.

Future: I **won't have to** help him = I **won't need to** help him.