

TO COMBINE TWO MODAL MEANINGS IN THE SAME VERB PHRASE

EXAMPLES	EXPLANATIONS
(n) A teacher must be able to explain things clearly. (o) NOT: She must can explain things clearly.	Two one-word modals cannot be combined.
(p) Poor people shouldn't have to pay the same taxes as rich people. (q) I may be able to get some extra tickets.	We can combine a one-word and phrasal modal.
(r.) A firefighter has to be able to carry at least 250 pounds. (s) You ought to be able to speak French if you want a job in Paris. (t) I'm going to have to leave in a minute.	We can also combine two phrasal modals.

Directions: Determine what modal meanings are being expressed in the following sentences.

*EXAMPLE: Don't leave the cheese anywhere that the dog is going to be able to reach it.
(future activity, ability)*

1. You're going to have to leave soon.
2. If Andrea has another cup of soda, she is not going to be able to fall asleep.
3. Management isn't going to allow anybody to go behind the counter.
4. Most people have to be able to get a full night of sleep in order to be alert.
5. Dogs have got to be allowed to exercise enough if they are going to stay healthy.
6. Some people feel that anyone who wants to become an American citizen ought to be able to speak English.
7. Children under the age of sixteen aren't supposed to be allowed to work without their parents' permission.
8. You don't have to be able to swim in order to like the beach.

Directions: Combine the modal meanings given below.

EXAMPLE: You **might be allowed to** bring a guest. (possibility, permission)

1. Use a one-word and phrasal modal combination:
 - (a) I _____ speak with the doctor. (necessity, permission)
 - (b) Dogs _____ ride on buses. (advisability, permission)
 - (c) Students _____ speak English in class. (advisability, necessity)
2. Use two phrasal modals:
 - (a) A firefighter _____ carry at least 250 pounds.
(necessity, ability)
 - (b) I _____ not come to your party. (future, ability)
 - (c) In order for plants to be healthy, they _____ grow freely.
(necessity, ability)
 - (d) You _____ French if you want a job in Paris. (advisability, ability)