



Definition:

Modalverben drücken die Handlungsabsicht einer Person aus ([Fähigkeit](#), [Wunsch](#), [Erlaubnis](#)).

Man unterscheidet: können, sollen, dürfen, müssen.

Da im Englischen mit Modalverben [nicht alle Zeiten gebildet](#) werden können, verwendet man Ersatzformen.

Modalverb "können"

Modalverb: können Englisch: can Ersatzform: [to be able to](#)

Beispiel: I can work./Present Simple

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| 1. P.EZ. I am able to work. | 1. P.MZ. We are able to work. |
| 2. P.EZ. You are able to work. | 2. P.MZ. You are able to work. |
| 3. P.EZ. He/she/it is able to work. | 3. P.MZ. They are able to work. |

Modalverb "müssen"

Modalverb: müssen Englisch: must Ersatzform: [to have to](#)

Beispiel: I must work/Present Simple:

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| 1. P.EZ. I have to work. | 1. P.MZ. We have to work. |
| 2. P.EZ. You have to work. | 2. P.MZ. You have to work. |
| 3. P.EZ. He/she/it has to work. | 3. P.MZ. They have to work. |



Modalverb "dürfen"

Modalverb: dürfen Englisch: may Ersatzform: **to be allowed to**

Beispiel: I may work./Present Simple

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| 1. P.EZ. I am allowed to work. | 1. P.MZ. We are allowed to work. |
| 2. P.EZ. You are allowed work. | 2. P.MZ. You are allowed to work. |
| 3. P.EZ. He/she/it is allowed to work. | 3. P.MZ. They are allowed to work. |

Modalverb "sollen"

Modalverb: sollen Englisch: shall Ersatzform: **to be supposed to**

Beispiel: I shall work./Present Simple

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| 1. P.EZ. I am supposed to work. | 1. P.MZ. We are supposed to work. |
| 2. P.EZ. You are supposed to work. | 2. P.MZ. You are supposed to work. |
| 3. P.EZ. He/she/it is supposed to work. | 3. P.MZ. They are supposed to work. |

Modalverb "nicht müssen"

Modalverb: nicht müssen Englisch: need not Ersatzform: **not to have to**

Beispiel: I need not work./Present Simple

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| 1. P.EZ. I don't have to work. | 1. P.MZ. We don't have to work. |
| 2. P.EZ. You don't have to work. | 2. P.MZ. You don't have to work. |
| 3. P.EZ. He/she/it doesn't have to work. | 3. P.MZ. They don't have to work. |



Modalverb "nicht dürfen"

Modalverb: nicht dürfen Englisch: must not Ersatzform: **not to be allowed to**

Beispiel: I must not work./Present Simple

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| 1. P.EZ. I am not allowed to work. | 1. P.MZ. We aren't allowed to work. |
| 2. P.EZ. You are not allowed work. | 2. P.MZ. You aren't allowed to work. |
| 3. P.EZ. He/she/it isn't allowed to work. | 3. P.MZ. They aren't allowed to work. |

Modalverb "brauchen"

Modalverb: brauchen Englisch: need Ersatzform: **to have to**

Beispiel: I need to work/Present Simple:

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| 1. P.EZ. I have to work. | 1. P.MZ. We have to work. |
| 2. P.EZ. You have to work. | 2. P.MZ. You have to work. |
| 3. P.EZ. He/she/it has to work. | 3. P.MZ. They have to work. |