

UNIT 4

C. Modals

I. Modals: General ability

- In the present and the future: Sally _____ use a computer and **she's** only four!
- In the past: Sally _____ use a computer when **she was** four.
- General ability: Our students _____ **use** online information for their projects.
- A specific ability in the past: The scientist _____ prove his theory.

II. Modals: Permission & Requests

- In the present and the future: _____/_____/_____ [mức độ lịch sự giảm dần]
- VD: _____/_____/_____ I see the doctor, please?

- In the past (Past permission):

+ Dùng: **be allowed to**

VD: I **was allowed to** wear a knee support during the match.

+ Trong câu tường thuật: could/be allowed to

VD: The referee said that I **could/was allowed to** wear a knee support during the match.

III. Modals: Advice

- Advice (now/future/generally): **ought to/should**

IV. Modals: Criticism

- Chỉ trích một hành động trong quá khứ: **ought to/should (+not) + have + done** [_____] [nghĩa tiếng Việt]
- VD: You **didn't ask** an expert to fix the computer, and **it can't function properly** now.
- > Past advice: You _____ (ask) an expert to fix the computer!

V. Modals: Obligation and necessity

- In the present: **must/have to/need to** [_____] [nghĩa tiếng Việt]
- In the present: **needn't/don't have to/don't need to** [_____] [nghĩa tiếng Việt]
- + We **don't have to** drive to work; we can take the bus.
- In the present: **mustn't** [_____] [nghĩa tiếng Việt]
- + Scientists **mustn't lie** about the results of their research.
- In the past (past obligation): **had to**

* Một số trường hợp cần phân biệt:

1. **needn't have done** [_____] [nghĩa tiếng Việt] vs. **didn't need to** [_____] [nghĩa tiếng Việt]

"**needn't have gone**" or "**didn't need to go**"

VD: I _____ to the doctor because it was just a minor illness. [I went, but it wasn't necessary.]
I _____ to the doctor. [I didn't go.]

2. **have to** vs. **must**:

- _____: public signs and notices indicating laws, rules and prohibitions

All passengers _____ present valid photo identification at check-in for all flights

- _____: personal obligation [tự nguyện]

I _____ try harder in this academic year.

- _____: external obligation [bị ai bắt buộc]

Robert _____ report any technical problems to his manager.

VI. Modals: degrees of certainty

1. Một suy đoán (gần như) chắc chắn [(near) certainty]:

- Ở hiện tại: **must | cannot | could not + do (bare inf)** [_____]

VD: I'm sure she's clever because she's studying physics.

-> She _____.

I'm sure she's not studious because she's failed the exam three times.

-> She _____.

- Ở quá khứ: **must | cannot | could not + have done (have + past participle)** [_____]

VD: I'm sure she was in a lot of pain because of a family bereavement.

-> She _____

There's no way his leg **has been** in plaster for 2 years!

-> His leg _____!

2. Một suy đoán (không chắc/có khả năng) [possibility]

- Ở hiện tại/tương lai: **could/may/might (+not) + do** [_____]

VD: You should talk to your doctor first because that pill **could/may/might** be dangerous.

- Ở quá khứ: **could/may/might (+not) + have done** [_____]

VD: That **could/may/might have been** the doctor who rang while we were out.

3. Một khả năng có thể xảy ra (probability) ở tương lai/nói chung: should/ought to [_____]

VD: You **should feel** better in a few days as long as you **stick to these prescriptions**.

4. Một việc đáng ra đã có thể làm: could have done [_____]

It was possible for me to attend The University of Social Sciences and Humanities, but **I didn't**. Instead, I chose Foreign Trade University.

-> I _____ The University of Social Sciences and Humanities, **but I chose** Foreign Trade University **instead**.