

To eat

Infinitif présent

To eat : **manger**.

Marque de
l'infinitif.

Base verbale

Infinitif passé

To have eaten : **avoir mangé**.

L'auxiliaire modal.

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1: invariable.

He ~~can~~s sing.

He can sing.

He ~~caned~~ sing.

He was able to sing.

2: unique.

He ~~will~~ can sing.

He will be able to sing.

3: suivi d'une base verbale.

He can ~~sing~~s.

He can sing.

He can ~~to~~ sing.

He can sing.

CAN.

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Capacité

Possibilité

Permission

I can swim.

You can go or you can stay.

You cannot play !

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To be able to

To be possible
for XXX to do
something

To be allowed to

I was able to swim.

It was possible for me to go or to stay.

You were not allowed to play.

La méthode des passages de formes s'applique.

I can sing.
I ~~cannot~~ sing - I can't sing.
Can I sing ?
Can't I sing ?

MUST.

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Obligation

Interdiction

Probabilité forte

I must work.

You must not steal in shops.

He must be home.

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To have to

To be forbidden
for XXX to ...

To be very likely to

I had to work.

It was forbidden for you to steal in shops.

He was very likely to be home.

La méthode des passages de formes s'applique.

I must sing.
I must not sing - I mustn't sing.
Must I sing ?
Mustn't I sing ?

WILL.

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Futur

Nope !



I will work.

Jamais de WILL dans les subordonnées circonstancielles de temps.

Paliatif
Equivalents du modal
Périphrase à valeur modale

To be going to

I was going to work !

I will play when she ~~will~~ arrive.
I will play when she arrives.

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I will sing.
I will not sing - I won't sing.
Will I sing ?
Won't I sing ?

MAY.

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Probabilité

Permission

It may work.

You may go home.

"Il se peut que ..."

Paliatif
Equivalents du modal
Périphrase à valeur modale

To be allowed to

You were allowed to go home.

La méthode des passages de formes s'applique.

I may sing.
I may not sing - I mayn't sing.
May I sing ?
Mayn't I sing ? May I not sing ?

MIGHT.

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Probabilité faible

It might work.

"Il se pourrait que ..."

La méthode des passages de formes s'applique.

I might sing.
I might not sing - I mightn't sing.
Might I sing ?
Mightn't I sing ? Might I not sing ?

WOULD.

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Conditionnel.

Conditionnel

lié à une subordonnée hypothétique.

I would swim.

I would swim if I had a swimming pool.

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Habitude dans le passé.

In the 70's, I would eat a lot of chocolate.

I would sing.
I would not sing - I wouldn't sing.
Would I sing ?
Wouldn't I sing ?

COULD.

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Suggestion.

In-capacité dans le passé.

You could work !

In the 60's, TV sets could not play HD.

Situation hypothétique.

avec "if + S + pret modal"...

If I were rich, I could help the Poor.

Politesse.

Could you help me ?

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I could sing.
I could not sing - I couldn't sing.
Could I sing ?
Couldn't I sing ?

SHOULD.

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Conseil.

You should sleep more.

Reproche (+ F.N)

You shouldn't lie.

La méthode des passages de formes s'applique.

I should sing.
I should not sing - I shouldn't sing.
Should I sing ?
Shouldn't I sing ?