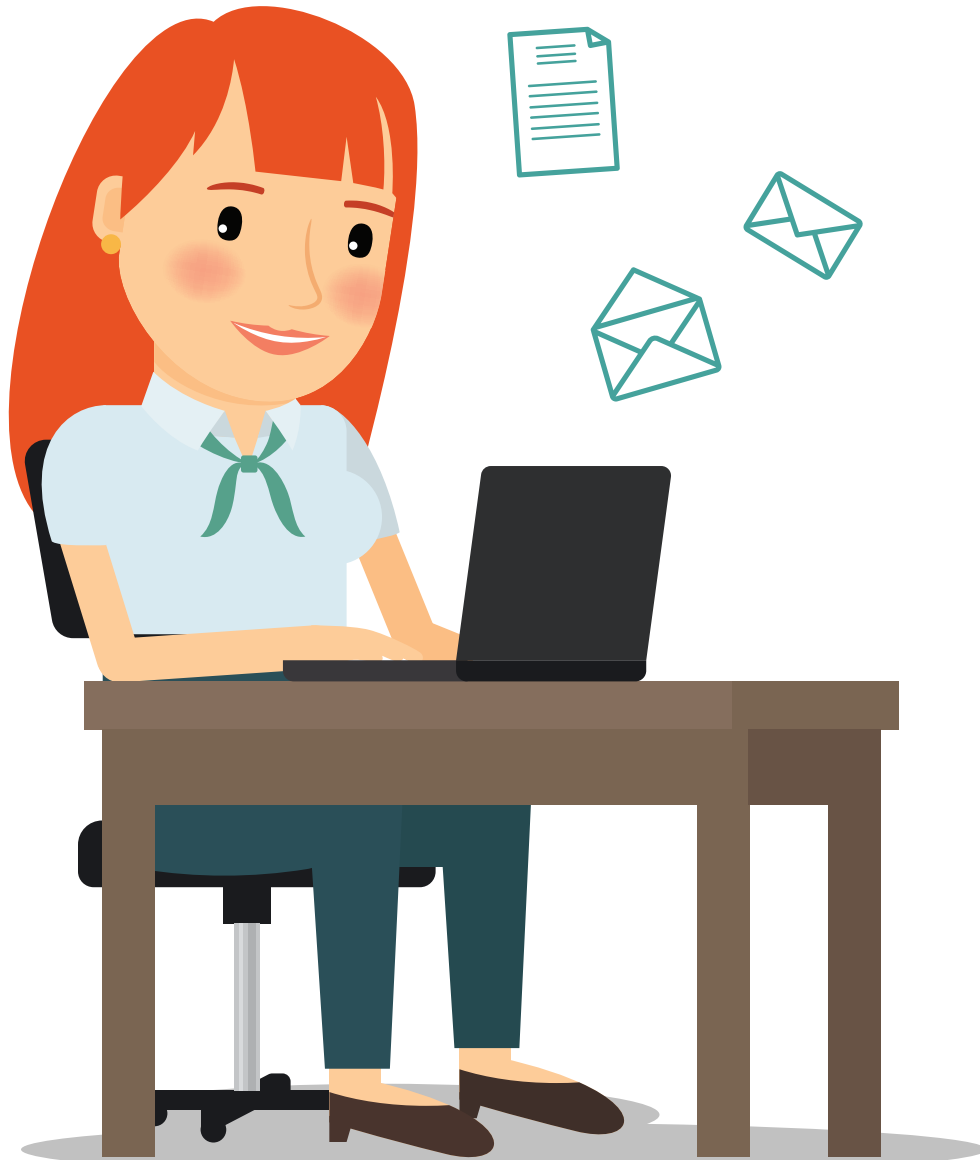


Modal verbs



A modal verb is a special type of verb. They modify the main verb.

Modal verbs give information about the degree of obligation or certainty involved in the action.

Modal verbs are: can, could, may, might, will, would, shall, should, must.

Sue may have written the letter.
Sue must have written the letter.

Jim must postpone the meeting.
Jim may postpone the meeting.

Modal verbs

Low modality shows less certainty.

I might leave work early today.

You could cook dinner tomorrow.



High modality shows a high degree of certainty.

I must leave work early today.

You must cook dinner tomorrow.

Word wall: modal verbs

can

couldn't

may

shall

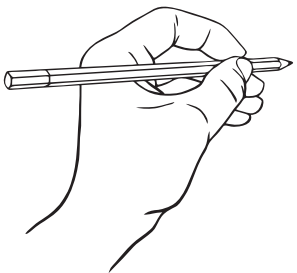
shouldn't

will

would

mustn't

could



Use some modal verbs in a sentence.