***Mild obligation:***

It is advisable / recommended (for you) to

You are suppose to

**Modal verb:**

You should / ought

***Strong obligation:***

It is essential / necessary / urgent(for you) to

You are obliged to

**Modal verb:**

You must / have to

You are to

***Lack of obligation:***

Please try to

I am not obliged to

It wasn’t necessary to

There was no need to

**Modal verb:**

You don’t have / need to

***Past:*** I didn’t have to get up early. (so I didn’t)

I needn’t have got up early. (but I did)

***Prohibition:***

No smoking.

It is not allowed to

On no account *are you* allowed

Under no circumstances *are you*

**Modal verb:**

You must not

***Certainty:***

**Affirmative deduction**:

I am certain that she *stole*

**Modal verb:**

She must *have stolen*

**Negative deduction**:

I am certain that she didn’t *steal*

**Modal verb:**

She couldn’t / can’t *have stolen*

***Moral obligation:***

He should have helped you. (but he didn’t)

***Polite requests:***

**may / might** (possibility, probability)

Ex.: He might be upstairs.

Past: He might have been late.

**Reproach, possibility concession (posledica)**

***Ability, inability:***

**Modal verb:**

**Present:** Can **-** Natural, learned ability

**Past:** could (learned ability) / was able to (spcific situation in the past)

* for unsuccessfully accomplished action in the past *couldn’t* can be applied
* we use *can* with verbs of perception (can hear, see, smell)