



Multibhashi



Modal clauses



Class Objective

I will be able to understand today's concept.



Concept A. Modal clauses.

Modal clauses are subordinate clauses that denote the type and nature of the action that is stated in the main clause. These clauses can be used to express various concepts like

the instrument	a comparison	lack of circumstances	a better but not feasible potential	a restriction
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Modal clauses are subordinate adverbial clauses that are introduced by a conjunction and contain a finite or non-finite (infinitive) verb form.



Concept A. Modal clauses.

conjunctions

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a better but not feasible
potential

a restriction

indem

Wie

ohne dass

(an)statt dass

soviel, soweit,
wie

dass

als

ohne ... zu

(an)statt ... zu

was

je ...
desto, je
... umso

als



Concept A. Modal clauses.

- als ob,
- wie
- wenn,
- als
- wenn,
- als

außer wenn

außer dass

außer ... zu



Concept B. Modal clauses of various types.

- Instrumental clause- - stating the way i.e the instrument is used to perform the action of the main clause.
 1. Indem- Er gewann, indem er mogelte.
 2. Dass- Wege entstehen dadurch, dass man sie geht.
**note- dadurch is obligatory*
- The comparative clause
 1. Wie- stating comparison amongst equal terms. Eg- Das Theatre 'King Lear' ist sehr gut, wie ich erwartet habe.
**note- so+adjective or adverb in positive degree is obligatory.*

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