



Modal verbs





Class Objective

To learn the concept of modal verbs in Spanish.



Concept A:

Modal Verbs in Spanish are verbs that have a special characteristic, since they can work on their own, or with another "main" verb that is always in the infinitive. For example, the verb "querer", which means "to want". ~ Yo quiero ese carro (I want that car) ~ Yo quiero comprar ese carro (I want to buy that car)



Concept A:

Note: As you can see, the above verb works on its own and also with another verb (comprar, in this case) in the infinitive. The name "modal verb" comes from the fact that modal verbs indicate modality, or in simple terms, a possibility, necessity, ability, obligation or permission. ~ El quiere ver la pelicula nueva? (Does he want to see the new movie?)



Concept A:

In this situation, we have two verbs in the sentence. The verb ver (to see)

is the main verb that expresses the action, and the verb querer (to want)

acts as a conditional and is known as a modal verb.



Concept B: Let's see the basic structure for modal verbs.

1. Modal verb + Infinitive verb Personal pronoun + Modal verb + Infinitive + Complement **Examples:** ~ I can do the homework. Yo puedo hacer la tarea. ~ Ana must clean her room. Ana debe limpiar su habitación.



















































































































