MODALS & MEANING
Read each of the following sentences. What is the meaning of each modal? Write the meaning next to each sentence.

1. I have to call my mom. It's her birthday.

2. You shouldn't go to a party on the night before a test.

3. I'd rather live in a small town than in a big city.

4. I'd like a cup of coffee, please.

5. You'd better finish your homework before class.

6. I could run so fast when I was child. I had a lot of energy.

7. I couldn't stay up after 8pm when I was a little child.

8. May I borrow your book for a minute?

9. It may rain this weekend.

10. I had to do so much homework over the break!

11. You're not supposed to speak your native language in class.

12. I will call you later.

13. I might call you later if I have time.

14. She is yawning. She must be tired.

15. You must not drink and drive.
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Read each sentence. What is the meaning of each modal?

1. **Maybe** I’ll see you later.
2. **May** I leave at 2pm today?
3. We **may** have a test next week.
4. We **might** have a test next week.
5. We **will** have a test next week.
6. You didn’t eat anything all day. **You must** be hungry.
7. You **mustn’t** carry any weapons onto an airplane.
8. I **have to** clean my room. It’s a mess!
9. I’ve **got to** find a new apartment. May neighbors are so noisy!
10. I’m **supposed to** do all my homework before class.
11. **Would** you **like** a cup of coffee?
12. I’d **rather** have some tea, please.
13. You **should** try to take public transportation more. It’s cheaper and better for the environment.
14. You’d **better not** buy a big SUV or you’ll have to pay a lot for gas.
15. Mary **can** speak 4 languages.
16. I **can** paint my apartment if I want to.
17. In my old apartment, I **couldn’t** paint without asking my landlord first.
18. 10 years ago, I **couldn’t** speak English but now I **can**.