Don’t worry; it’s very easy!!!
MODAL VERBS

- CAN/CAN’T (saber/poder)

1. Ability (present)
   - I can speak two languages!!

2. Suggestion
   - You can teach me on Saturdays.

3. Request
   - Can you drive me home?

4. Certainty that something is impossible
   - She can’t pass the exam... She has no idea...

“Be able to” (ser capaz de) can be used in other verbal tenses (I have been able to.../I will be able to...).
COULD (podría/pudo)

- They could swim when they were children.
- Could you speak up?
- You could study harder!!!
MODAL VERBS

- MAY/MIGHT (puede que/podría)

1. Polite request
   - "May I use your phone?"

2. Probability/possibility
   - Javier Bardem might/may go to the party.

"Might" (podría) es más remoto que "may" (puede que).
MODAL VERBS

- MUST (deber)/ HAVE TO (tener que)

1. Certainty that something is true
   - Your father must be very angry because he doesn’t want to talk to you.

2. Obligation/necessity
   - You have to tidy up your bedroom.

3. Prohibition
   - You mustn’t lie.

4. Lack of obligation
   - You don’t have to say anything.

- “Must” is stronger than “have to”.
- “Must” is used in present and “have to” in the other verbal tenses.
MODAL VERBS

- NEED TO (necesitas, debes) / NEEDN’T (no es necesario)

1. Obligation, necessity
   - You need to eat healthy food.

2. Lack of obligation
   - I needn’t do anything today.

- “Need to” in affirmative form (I need to eat).
- “Needn’t” in negative form (I needn’t wait for them).
**MODAL VERBS**

- **SHOULD/OUGHT TO (debería)**

  1. Advice/opinion
  
  - You *should/ought to* talk to him.
  
  - You *should/ought to* phone him.
  
  - You *shouldn’t* laugh at him.
  
  - You *shouldn’t* lie to him.
MODAL PERFECTS

- SHOULD/ought to have+Past participle
  (debería haber hecho…)
- Shouldn’t have+Past participle (No debería haber hecho…)

I SHOULD/ought to have driven carefully

I shouldn’t have driven so fast…

Criticism given after an event
MODAL PERFECTS

- MUST HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE (debe haber…)

A logical conclusion about a past action

THEY MUST HAVE GONE ON HOLIDAYS.
MODAL PERFECTS

- MAY/MIGHT HAVE+PAST PARTICIPLE (puede que haya.../podría haber...)

A guess about a past action

JOHN MAY/MIGHT HAVE BEEN ILL. HE IS ALWAYS ON TIME.
MODAL PERFECTS

- COULD HAVE+ PAST PARTICIPLE (podría haber…)

I COULD HAVE TRAINED HARDER, BUT I DIDN’T HAVE ENOUGH TIME.

Ability to have done something
MODAL PERFECTS

- COULDN'T HAVE+ PAST PARTICIPLE (no pudo haber...)

HE COULDN'T HAVE SPENT ALL THE MONEY.

A certainty that something did not happen.
MODAL PERFECTS

- NEEDN’T HAVE+PAST PARTICIPLE (no tenías que/no era necesario que…)

YOU LOOK TIRED. YOU NEEDN’T HAVE WORKED SO HARD!!

An unnecessary action in the past.
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!