

Don't worry; it's very easy!!!

CAN/CAN'T (saber/poder)

You **can** teach me on Saturdays.

2. Suggestion

Ability
 (present)

l **can** speak two languages!!

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.

1. Ability (past)

Could you speak up?

2. Polite request

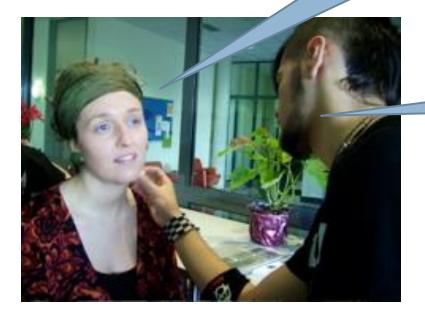
You **could** study harder!!!

3. Polite suggestion

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).

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/must tidy up your bedroom.

3. Prohibition

You mustn't lie.

You don't have to say anything.

4. Lack of obligation

•"Must" is stronger than "have to".

•"Must" is used in present and "have to" in the other verbal tenses.

□ NEED TO(necesitas, debes)/NEEDN'T (no es necesario)



1. Obligation, necessity

You **need to** eat healthy food.

2. Lack of obligation

I <mark>needn't</mark> do anything today.

- •"Need to" in affirmative form (I need to eat).
- •"Needn't" in negative form (I needn't wait for them).

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.

- SHOULD/OUGHT TO HAVE+ PAST PARTICIPLE (debería haber hecho...)
- SHOULDN'T HAVE+PAST PARTICIPLE (No debería haber hecho...)



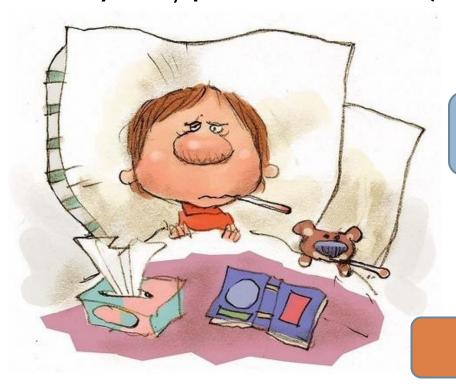
MUST HAVE+PAST PARTICIPLE (debe haber...)



THEY MUST HAVE GONE ON HOLIDAYS.

A logical conclusion about a past action

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



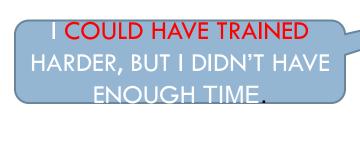
JOHN MAY/MIGHT HAVE

BEEN ILL. HE IS ALWAYS ON

TIME.

A guess about a past action

COULD HAVE+ PAST PARTICIPLE (podría haber...)



Ability to have done something



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



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!!!

