

## Worksheet

### Study!

Look at the underlined parts of these sentences. They are modal verbs.

- Students from all subject areas can take part in the Erasmus programme.
- This leaflet may not answer all your questions about the programme.
- The programme must be in the subject area of your degree.
- I can pay most of my expenses thanks to the Erasmus grant.

We use **modal verbs** to express a range of meanings, such as probability, certainty, possibility, suggestion, advice, ability, etc.

1. Which of them is used to express/give...

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| a) possibility or permission? | c) ability?    |
| b) high probability?          | d) obligation? |

2. Complete the rules with the missing information.

Modal verbs are never used \_\_\_\_\_. The main verb is used in the \_\_\_\_\_ (without to).

Example: You must follow the rules.

Modal verbs always have the \_\_\_\_\_ form: no third person singular (-s) and no participles (-ing/-ed). Example:

You/He may apply to participate in one of the Erasmus programmes.

The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ forms are made without the auxiliary to do.

Example: Can I study abroad? – I can't apply this year.

### Practise!

A. Choose the correct modal verb.

1. You can / must respect the rules and obligations of your Erasmus grant.
2. I can't / mustn't take part in Erasmus this year because I'm a secondary school student.
3. Students may / must apply to a programme related to their degree.
4. It may / must be difficult to attend classes abroad especially if you may not / can't speak English well.
5. Must / May I apply to a grant next year?

B. Complete the sentences with modal verbs.

1. Students \_\_\_\_\_ improve their language skills in these programmes.
2. Your university \_\_\_\_\_ have a formal agreement with the institution you are applying to.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ study abroad for between three and twelve months.
4. Erasmus students \_\_\_\_\_ disrespect the guidelines stated in their grant.

C. Replace the underlined part of these sentences by a modal verb.

1. It is possible to send your application online.

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2. You are able to learn a new language.

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3. You have to write a report about your Erasmus experience.

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Go online and practise these Modal verbs @ <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/modal-verbs/ability-permission-requests-and-advice>, <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/verbs/modal-verbs/certain-probable-or-possible> and <http://www.englishpage.com/modals/interactivemodal1.htm>