

### Modal Verbs (Present & Perfect Modals)

- “I can sing Fluvy du Tajy” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:236)
- “I must see you” the letter said. “Dearest Emmy-dearest love-dearest wife, come to me” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:207)
- “You should see me dance a reel with Mrs Major O’ Dowd of ours; and a jig- did you ever see a jig? But I think anybody could dance with you, Miss Osborne, who dance so well.” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:253)
- “As for the pigs, they could already read and write perfectly.” (Orwell, *Animal Farm* 2021:24)
- “None of the other animals on the farm could get further than the letter A. It was also found that the stupider animals, such as sheep, hens, and ducks, were unable to learn the Seven Commandments by heart.” (Orwell, *Animal Farm* 2021:25)
- “I wish my love, I could get somebody to play piquet with me” “Miss Crawley said one night when this functionary made his appearance with the candles and the coffee. Poor Briggs can no more play than an owl, she is so stupid” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:391)
- “Run out now to Madame Brunoy’s, for I must have some mourning: and get a crape on your hat and a black waistcoat-I don’t think you’ve got one; order it to be brought home to-morrow, so that we may be able to start on Thursday.” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:475)
- “We might take Southdown’s carriage, which ought to be present at the funeral, as he is a relation of the family: but, no-I intend that we shall go by the coach. They’ll like it better” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:476)
- “he might have wealth, station, education, and his father’s place” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:542)
- “She was sure it was William. It could be no other. Of course he would come: what could he do else but come? She knew he would come.” (Thackeray, *Vanity Fair*, 2001:803)
- “You must excuse me for interrupting you, Mrs Tulliver; I have business that must be attended to, and I think there is nothing more necessary to be said.” (Eliot, *The Mill on the Floss*, 1994:254)
- “He says they must take off the patient’s shirt and measure his blood pressure” (Wilson, *The Zoo*, 2017:155)
- “You will have to lay out the money

Why? I ask. Surely, we don't have to pretend you're broke as well? I stare her eyes as she answers." (Lester, *shtum*, 2017:71)

- "I can't take Jonah to A&E. Can you imagine? Could you have him, Johnny?" (Lester, *shtum*, 2017:139)
- You weren't in Hong Kong, were you? My God, you weren't! Well, Emma, Jesus... I had to, Ben. I had to go away, I had to find a way, it was all I could think of." (Lester, *shtum*, 2017:259)
- "Anyone you love must be marvelous, and any girl that has the effect you describe must be fine and noble." (Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, 1994:96)
- "I should not be sorry to see you disgraced, publicly disgraced. How dare you ask me, of all men in the world, to mix myself up in this horror? I should have thought you knew more about people's characters. Your friend Lord Henry Wotton can't have taught you much about psychology, whatever else he has taught you." (Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, 1994:194)
- "We could have sold our animals to zoos in India, but American zoos were willing to pay higher prices." (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:88)
- "I had to drink now-or I would die. I could not find the desired instrument. But there was no time for useless distress. Action was needed. Could I pry it open with my fingernails? I tried. I couldn't." (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:142)
- "May I make a suggestion?  
What?  
Instead of coconut yam kootu, why not boiled beef tongue with a mustard sauce?" (Martel, *Life of Pi*, 2016:244)