

Unit 6: Grammar

Modal verbs: can, may, should

FORM

I	can	
+ you	may	ride this bike.
he	should	
she	cannot / can't	
- we	may not	ride this bike.
they	should not / shouldn't	
Can	I / you	
? May	he / she	ride this bike.
Should	we / they	

USE= Χρήση

CAN: Possibility (=πιθανότητα) / Ability (=ικανότητα)

We use can to talk about what is possible or what we are able or free to do:

(Με το can εκφράζουμε τι είναι πιθανό να γίνει, τι μπορούμε ή επιτρέπεται να κάνουμε)

EXAMPLES=Παραδείγματα

She can fly a plane.

John can speak Spanish.

I cannot hear you. (I can't hear you.)

Can you hear me?

CAN, MAY (=μπορώ): Permission (=άδεια να κάνω κάτι)

- Μερικές φορές χρησιμοποιούμε το **can** για να ζητήσουμε άδεια να κάνουμε κάτι σε ανεπίσημο γλωσσικό περιβάλλον, π.χ ζητάω από τη μαμά μου να πάω βόλτα.
- Χρησιμοποιούμε το **may** σε πιο επίσημα περιβάλλοντα, π.χ ζητάω από τον δάσκαλο να βγω από την τάξη.

Examples

Can I come home late today? (Ρωτάω τη μαμά μου)

May I leave early today? (Ρωτάω τον προϊστάμενο στην εργασία μου)

Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative		Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative
I can	Can I?	I can't		I may	May I ?	I may not
You can	Can you?	You can't		You may	May you?	You may not
He can	Can he?	He can't		He may	May he?	He may not
She can	Can she?	She can't		She may	May she?	She may not
It can	Can it?	It can't		It may	May it?	It may not
We can	Can we?	We can't		We may	May we?	We may not
You can	Can you?	You can't		You may	May you?	You may not
They can	Can they?	They can't		They may	May they?	They may not

SHOULD (=θα' πρεπε): Advice (=συμβουλή)

- Χρησιμοποιούμε το **should** για να δώσουμε συμβουλή σε κάποιον.
(Σημείωση: Το I δεν διαβάζεται, λέμε (should-σσουντ)

Example

You should be brave and well trained, if you want to be a lifeguard.

Affirmative	Interrogative	Negative	Negative (short form)
I should	Should I?	I should not	I shouldn't
You should	Should you?	You should not	You shouldn't
He should	Should he?	He should not	He shouldn't
She should	Should she?	She should not	She shouldn't
It should	Should it?	It should not	It shouldn't
We should	Should we?	We should not	We shouldn't
You should	Should you?	You should not	You shouldn't
They should	Should they?	They should not	They shouldn't