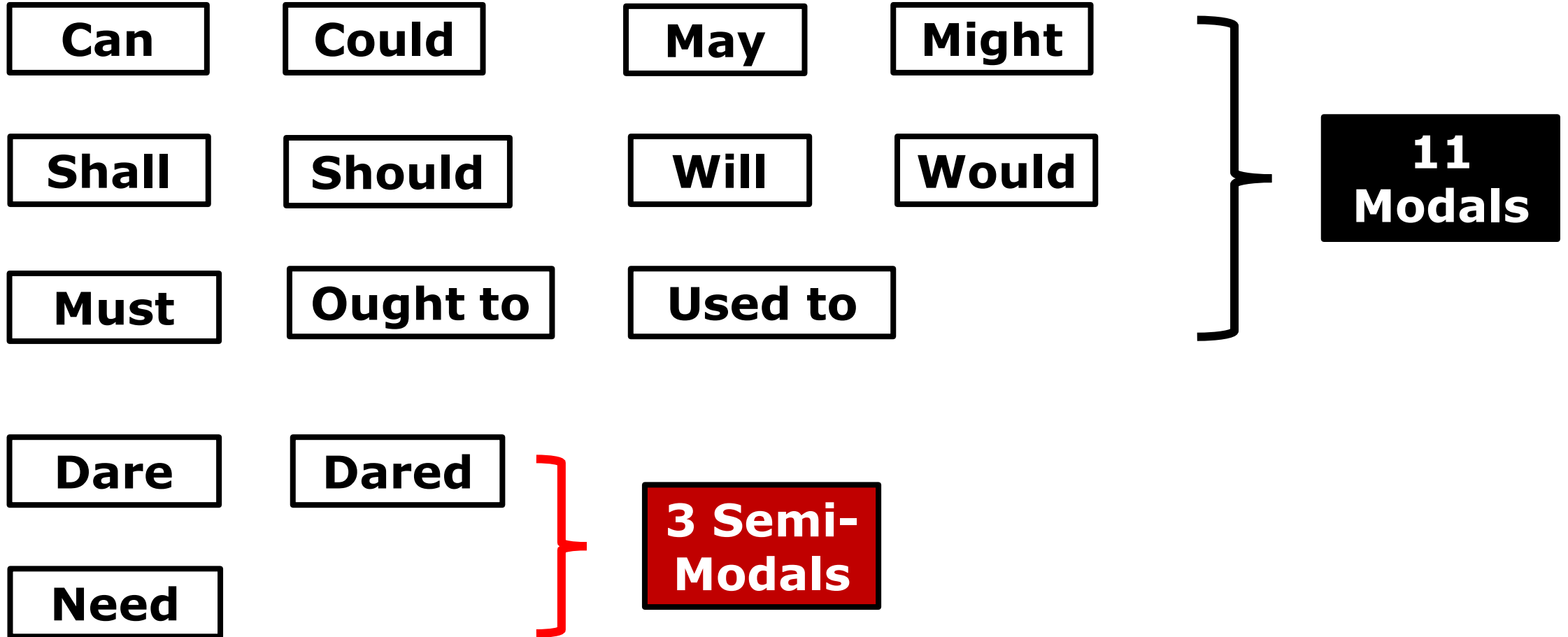
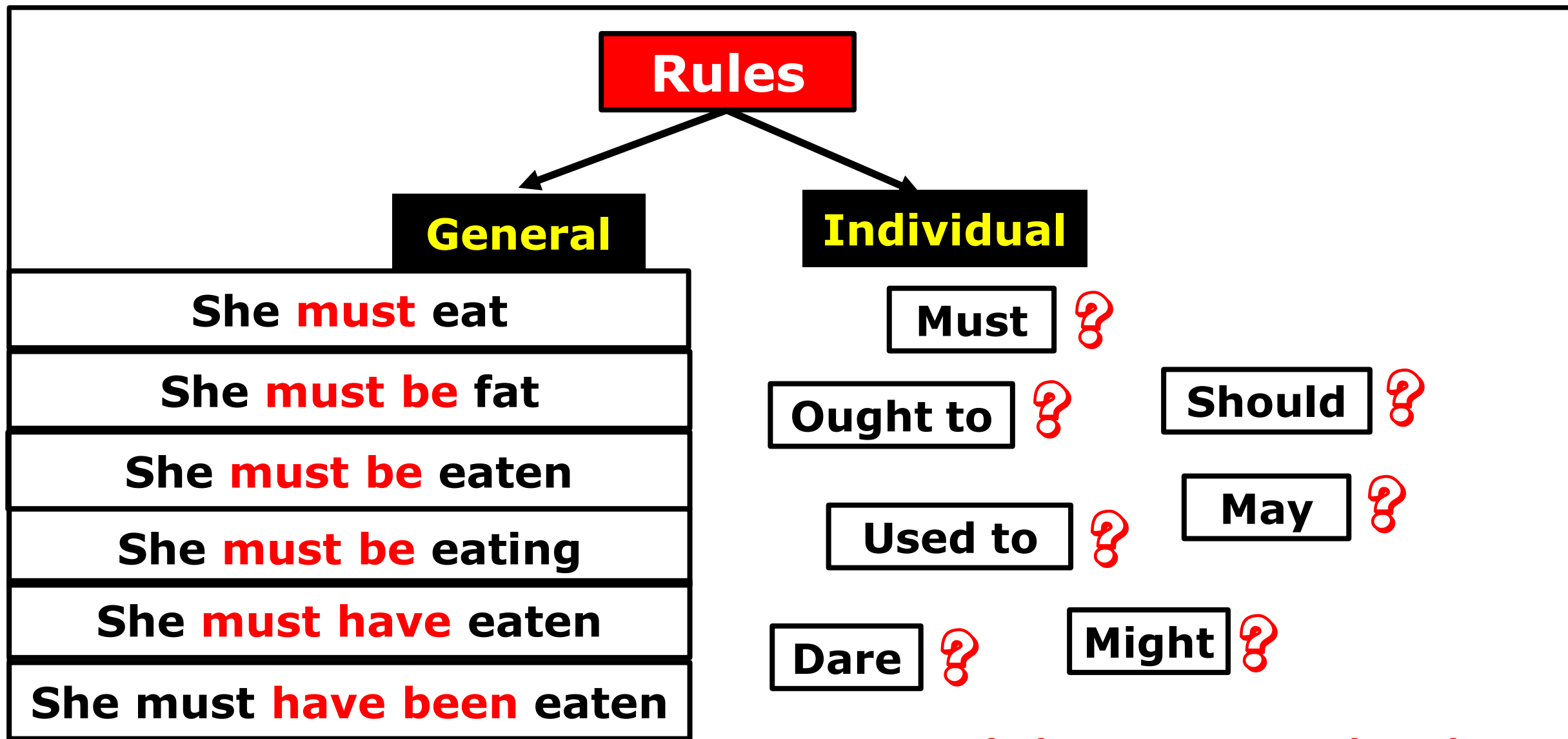


# The Story of Modals



# HOW MODALS WORK ?



# Individual Rules

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# Individual Rule -1 (Possibility)

It may rain today

**High Possibility**

**Can**

It might rain today

**Medium Possibility**

**May**

It could rain today

**Low Possibility**

**Might**

**Rule:** You Can use any of May, Might and Could to  
show a possibility

**Could**

**Rule:** "Can" is not used to show **positive possibility**

It can rain today

He can be at home now

She can be right

**All are  
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Can he be at home ?

Can she be right ?

**Interrogative Possibilities**

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**Negative Possibilities-  
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It **may/might/could** not rain today

He **may/might/could** not be at home

She **may/might/could** not be right

**Negative Possibilities**

# Individual Rule -2 (Can + ability)

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# Individual Rule -2 (Can + ability)

- Anyone can learn English
- Anyone shall be able to learn English
- Anyone ~~can be able to~~ learn English
- She ~~can't be able to~~ call you today

**Can (or)  
Shall be able to**

**Can't (or)  
Shall not be able to**

**Rule:** Can = Ability

**Do not mix "Can" + "be able to"**

# Individual Rule -3 (Can + Future ability)

Can

Ability, **Request**, **Possibility**

- We can learn English in next 6 months with proper guidance.
- We **shall be able to** learn English in next 6 months with proper guidance

**Rule:** Can + (**Never**) Future Ability

Use "shall be able to" to denote future ability

# Individual Rule -4 (Could + Past ability)

❑ When the boat was sinking we ~~could~~ swim to the beach

**Were able to**

❑ When the boat was sinking we <sup>✓</sup> **could not** swim to the beach

**Were not able to** ✓

**Rule: Could** demonstrates **an ability in past,**  
but **not** the **actual execution** of the task

# Individual Rule -5 (May + likely/possibly)

- ❑ Train fairs **may** ~~likely~~ remain unchanged this year
- ❑ SSC and Railways **may** ~~possibly~~ declare the results soon and present new jobs to the youth

**Rule: May = Possibility**

**“Do not use May with likely/ possibly/ Probably/  
Doubtlessly/ Seemingly in a single clause”**

# Individual Rule -6 (Past of May/Can/will)

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# Individual Rule -6 (Past of May/Can/will)

**Might**

❑ He **told** us that he ~~may~~ leave the job soon

**Could**

❑ The court **ruled** that the Government ~~can~~ not enforce the law

❑ My grandmother **used to** say that one day all of us ~~will~~ die

**Would**

❑ He **asked** his GF if he ~~shall~~ buy her that ring

**Should**

**Rule:** If the main clause is in past tense, change **May** → **Might**,  
**Can** → **Could**, **Will/Shall** → **Would**, **Shall** → **Should**

# Individual Rule -7 (Request)

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# Individual Rule -7 (Request)

- ❑ **Can** you bring a glass of water for me ?
- ❑ **Could** you bring a glass of water for me ?
- ❑ **Would** you bring a glass of water for me ?

**Rule:** Can → Informal request

Could → Polite (Formal)

Would → Polite (Highly Formal)



# Individual Rule -8 (Used to)

NE

❑ He **used to** sleep late in the night **Past Habit**

NE

❑ The police **were used to** disperse the crowd **Passive voice**

❑ He **is used to** sleep late in the night **Current Habit**

Sleeping

Living

❑ This bird is not used to live in harsh weathers **Current Habit**

**Rule:**

▪ Used to (**Modal verb**) → Past Habit **Bare Infinitive**

▪ **Be** family verbs + Used to (**Adjective**) → Current Habit **N/G**

▪ **Be** family verbs + Used to (**Main verb**) → Passive voice **B. I.**

# Individual Rule -9 (Duty)

- You **ought not to** apologize for your mistake
- You **ought to not** fight with your siblings
- We **should** start preparing for the exams
- We **must** start preparing for the exams

## Rule:

- Ought to/ Ought not to:** Moral Duty
- Should:** General Duty
- Must :** Obligation

Ought to

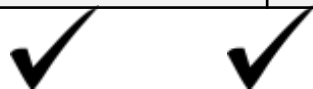
Should

Must

Has/Have  
to

# Individual Rule -10 (Will/Shall)

	Default Future	Determination, Promise, Threat	Ask the will of a person
I, We	Shall	Will	Shall
All other Pronouns and Nouns	Will	Shall	--



I **will/shall** take admission in this college

**Shall**

If you do not abide by the contract, you **will** pay for it

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**Shall**

**Will** I bring you some coffee?

**Shall**

Which competitive exam **will** we prepare for?

# Individual Rule -11 (Need/ Dare)

☐ Search "**Need and Dare YET**" in YouTube and watch this video

The screenshot shows a YouTube search results page for the query "need and dare yet". The search bar at the top contains the text "need and dare yet". The left sidebar shows navigation options: Home, Trending, Subscriptions, Library, and History. Below the sidebar, there is a "SIGN IN" button and a section for "BEST OF YOUTUBE" with categories: Music, Sports, Gaming, Movies, and News. The main content area displays three video results:

- Video 1:** "NEED और DARE - कैसे Need and Dare को USE करें ? || YET English Grammar" by YET: Your English Tutor. The video thumbnail features a man in a blue shirt and text: "NEED और DARE की STORY... CONCEPT जो आपका दिमाग घुमा देगा 10-सेकण्ड Trick 15:43". The description states: "NEED और DARE - कैसे Need and Dare को USE करें ? This video explains the Semi-Modal properties of two special verb- ...".
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- Video 3:** "Are We There Yet? | CoComelon Nursery Rhymes & Kids Songs" by Cocomelon - Nursery Rhymes. The video thumbnail features the CoComelon characters in a car and text: "Cocomelon 2:49". The description states: "This is a very long car ride! What fun things can we look for out the window that will make the time go faster?".

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- Video 4:** "Are We There Yet? | +More Nursery Rhymes & Kids Songs - CoComelon" by Cocomelon - Nursery Rhymes. The video thumbnail features the CoComelon characters in a car and text: "34 min". The description states: "Cocomelon - Nursery Rhymes 180M views • 2 years ago".

**YET Your English Tutor YouTube Channel**

# Individual Rule -12 (Miscellaneous)

## **Would – Past Habit**

- When we were in hostel, we **would** never eat in our hostel mess

## **Would – Week intention**

- She said she **would** go to the party

## **Would – Strong desire (After, "I wish")**

- I wish (that) you **would** not talk so much

## **May- Wish**

- May** you be successful

# Individual Rule -12 (Miscellaneous)

## **Might** – Dissatisfaction

- She **might** work a bit harder

## **Must** – Certainty

- They **must** be rich
- He **must** be happy

## Correct the following sentence

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**Might/Can**) COVID-19 outbreak more lockdowns?



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4. The Trump administration can be able to delay the Presidential elections in the US this year

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## **Correct the following sentence**

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Answer: **Can**

**Solution: Can** is used (preferred) for **negative** and **interrogative** possibilities



## Correct the following sentence

2. Before the East India Company colonized India, we Indians were not used to \_\_\_\_\_ (live/living) under tyrannical regimes

Answer: **Living**

**Solution:** Be Family verb + Used (Adjective) + to + Noun/Gerund

## Correct the following sentence

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Answer: **Remove "possibly"**

**Solution:** May doesn't take other adverbs showing a possibility

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Answer: **Remove be able to (or) say "shall be able to"**

**Solution:** "Can" + "be able" are not put together

## Correct the following sentence

5. Everybody assumed that Kiran will go home on her birthday, but she did not.

Answer: **Replace "will" with "would"**

**Solution:** Main clause in the past → We use would/could/might instead of will/can/may

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Answer: **Replace "should" with "would"**

**Solution:** I wish + would → Strong desire

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Answer: **position "not" before "to"**

**Solution:** Correct structure → Ought not to

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Answer: **replace "could" with "was able to"**

**Solution:** Could demonstrates an ability in past, but doesn't indicate the actual execution of the action