

Listening and Speaking

Speaking Strategy

Asking about obligations/
possibilities

A. You may use 'modals' (can, may, should, must) to ask and answer about what you can (not)/must (not)/should (not)/may (not) do.

- May I use your camera for my trip?
- Honestly, no. I need it this week. You should buy a camera for yourself.
- But I can't pay for it now. I should pay for the ticket and other things.
- Well, you may ask Parvin. She can help you.



You may use the following patterns to ask and answer about what you can (not)/must (not)/should (not)/may (not) do.

May I leave the class?

Yes, you may.

Should they be more careful?

Yes, they should.

Must we drive fast?

No, you must not.

Can he speak French ?

No, he can't.



B. Listen to the following conversations and complete the sentences.

Conversation 1



1. The man
2. Who is coming?

Pair up and ask at least two questions about what your friend can (not) or/must (not) do. You may use the verbs in the box.

play football, do homework, help mother, speak Arabic, study hard

Conversation 2



1. The girl must
2. What should she do?

Pair up and ask at least two questions about what your friend may (not) or should (not) do. You may use the verbs in the box.

use a pencil, read a book, call in the evening

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Conversation 1:

A: Are you OK?

B: No, I feel sick. I should visit a doctor.

A: Can you go by yourself?

B: I called my wife. She is on her way.

A: Can I help you?

B: Yes. Please help me go out.

Conversation 2:

A: Umm, Miss. May I go out?

B: What's the problem?

A: I must take my medicine at 9.

B: OK. You may go, but you should come back soon.

A: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.



A. Listen to the first part of a radio program about traveling.

1. Fill in the blanks based on what you just heard.

- The prices of may be so on the roads or in the
- Long trips may make you and and this can the risk of illness.

2. Listen again and list all 'modals' you hear.

B. Now read the rest.

You can prepare your own meals for your trip. Making your own meals may save time and money, and you know exactly what goes into everything you prepare. Vegetables and sandwiches are easy to make, so they are useful foods for short trips. For very long trips, you may buy food or eat in restaurants. Remember: you should not eat fast or junk food. Good food keeps you healthy and happy and you can enjoy every minute of your trip.

3. Underline all 'modals'.

C. Work in pairs. Ask and answer. Use appropriate sentence stress and intonation.

Is food cheap or expensive in airports?

Do you like fast food or home - made food when you travel?

Are chips and cookies suitable or not suitable for travelers?

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It is very difficult to find your favorite food when you travel. Sometimes, it is even difficult to find healthy food. Besides, the prices of foods may be so high on the roads or in the airports. Long trips may make you tired and weak and this can increase the risk of illness. So you should eat well while you are traveling.