

## Verbi modali 10/12/25

### DOVERE

**Obbligo** MUST Everybody must wear a helmet in this area.

**Divieto** MUSTN'T You mustn't go in, look at the sign! It says "Entry strictly forbidden".

**Ragionevole conclusione** e.g. He hasn't come yet, he must have lost the train.

### **Dovere con senso abituale**

HAVE TO + infinito e.g. Do you have to work on Saturdays?  
I have to study hard to pass the exam.

### **Dovere con senso estemporaneo** ... o fuori del usuale.

HAVE GOT TO e.g. Have you got to study this afternoon?  
e.g. I do not have to look after the children on Sundays, but this Sunday I've got to take them to theatre.

**Devo..? / Vuoi che? Dobbiamo?** Solo nella prima persona  
singolare o plurale

SHALL I REPEAT the lesson?

SHALL WE LEAVE earlier tomorrow not to miss the flight?

### **Consiglio, obbligo morale.**

SHOULD e.g. I think you should cut on cigarettes! Smoking is no good at all in your condition!

e.g. Everybody should be respectful of other people's religious faiths.

### **Ragionevole probabilità**

e.g. The amount should be correct now, I've double checked it!

POTERE

**Sapere, essere in grado**

CAN e.g. You can swim, can't you?

e.g. I'm not sure I can come tomorrow.

ATTENZIONE

**“ potere /riuscire a” al passato : to be able to, to manage to**

I MANAGED TO catch the train!

I WAS ABLE TO pass the exam!

COULDN'T indica che **non si riesce** a fare qualcosa nel passato

e.g. I couldn't find the wallet, I must have left it somewhere.  
I couldn't contact my old schoolmate. He doesn't live in town any longer.

COULD

**Possibilità** e.g. I could come to see you over the weekend, if you like.

COULD

**Polite request** e.g. Could you lend me your car, Mum?

OPPURE

Can I borrow your pen?

PER PROBABILITA' rivolgersi a may / might.....

Può esser vero, non lo so. It may be so.... I don't know.

Potresti aver ragione, vediamo un po'. You might be right, let's check.