

# First Conditional with Modals

With first conditional with modals we use would, can, could, may, might, should and must, instead of will, to express the degree of certainty of the result.

Modal	Function	Examples
<b>Would</b>	It is a kind of past of the auxiliary “will” which modifies the verb. It can express willingness	I would visit her if I had time.
<b>Can</b>	It is used to express permission or ability.	If you behave yourself, you can come.
<b>Could</b>	It is used to express possibility or past ability as well as to make suggestions and requests.	If I could fly I will make it.
<b>May</b>	It is used to express certainty, permission	I may finish this report if I have time.
<b>Might</b>	It is used to express certainty, uncertainty.	
<b>Should</b>	It is used to make recommendations or give advice, it also can be used to express obligation as well as expectation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You should do it, if you were good on it.</li><li>• If you ever go to Los Angeles, you should take a tour on Hollywood.</li></ul>
<b>Must</b>	Express an obligation or a prohibition, something you have or not do.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you must not go, then why did you go?</li><li>• If Denise doesn't arrive in a few minutes, we must leave without her.</li><li>• If you go to Rodeo Drive you must visit The Cheesecake Co.</li></ul>