



Modal Verbs: Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs. After a modal verb, the root	Examples	Parenthesis: a word, phrase, or clause inserted in to a sentence to add extra,	Example
form of a verb is generally used.		subordinate, or clarifying information.	
Ability: can, could	David can play the drums.	Commas – most commonly used.	I miss seeing John, my best friend from school, every day.
Permission: can, could, may	May I borrow your dictionary?	Brackets – tend to be used in formal writing although there is no set rule.	George Washington (born in 1732) was the first president of America.
Advice: should	You should eat fruit for a snack.	Dashes – tend to be used in informal	The train – which was late – was
Obligation: must	I must practise my times tables.	writing although there is no set rule.	heading to Paris.
Possibility: could, can, might, may, will, shall, must	Sure it did not happen.  Not quite sure, it is possible.  CAN'T  MAY, MIGHT, COULD  Sure it happened.  MUST	Building cohesion within and across a paragraph:	Transitional phrases and adverbials of time allow us to show relationships between ideas and logically connect sentences and paragraphs.
		Time: Location: Feelings/manner: Numbers/Sequence: Tense choices:	recently, three weeks passed, later on the shore, nearby, around the corner in a flash, anxiously, as fast as she could secondly, in conclusion He had seen her before.
Relative clause: A relative clause is one type of dependent clause. It has a subject and a verb, but can't stand alone as a sentence. It is always with the main clause.	Examples of relative pronouns: who, whom, whose, that, which when and where can also operate as a relative pronoun  I like the person. The person was nice to	Commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity:	Example Let's eat, kids – the comma and the pause suggest that we are going to eat with the children. Let's eat kids - this suggests that we are going to eat the children.
	me. I like the person who was nice to me.	Clause: A group of words in a sentence that contains a subject and a verb.	The boy is playing.
An embedded clause is a clause that is within a main clause, usually marked by commas.	Example: The witch, with green eyes, is incredibly spooky.  Main clause: The witch is incredibly spooky.  Embedded clause: with green eyes	Phrase: A group of words in a sentence that does not contain a subject and a verb.	on the wall, in the distance