

MODAL VERBS

Shall I/we... - Should/Shouldn't.. - Ought to - Had better - Would rather

Forma	Uso	Esempi
Shall I/we... + base form	-Chiedere istruzioni - Offrirsi di fare qualcosa	- What time shall we schedule our business meeting? -- Shall I close the door?
Should/Shouldn't...+ base form	-Dare consigli - Fare deduzioni, supposizioni	- You shouldn't drive so fast on such narrow roads. -- He lives not far from here so he should be here in 5 minutes.
Should/Shouldn't...+ have + past participle	- Per indicare un'azione che non avrebbe dovuto essere compiuta nel passato	- You shouldn't have told him that thing, but you did. Now he won't listen to you ever again.
Ought to... (only in the affirmative) Shouldn't (in the negative)	-Dare consigli in modo formale - Fare deduzioni, supposizioni	-You ought to pay attention when the teacher is speaking. -- It's 10 . They ought to be leaving now.
Had better+base form ('d better = contracted form)	-Dare consigli agli altri -Esprimere un'opinione sulle proprie azioni	-You'd better leave all this matter to me. -It's 12 p.m. I'd better go if I don't want to be late.
Had better not+base form ('d better not)	-Dare consigli agli altri al negativo	-You'd better not go in now. He's having a meeting.
Would rather+base form ('d rather=contracted form)	- Chiedere o esprimere preferenze	-What would you like to do this evening? Would you rather go to the theatre or to the cinema?
Would rather not+base form ('d rather not)	- Esprimere preferenze al negativo	-I'd rather not go to the theatre