

Mådesudsagnsord (modalverber)

Mådesudsagnsordene **can, may, must, ought to, shall** og **will** er en særlig gruppe udsagnsord.

- De findes kun i nutid (præsens) og datid (præteritum)
- De tilføjer ikke -s i nutid 3. person ental
- De omskrives ikke med 'do'

Mådesudsagnsordene bruges som hjælpeudsagnsord. De efterfølges af et andet udsagnsord, som står i navneform uden 'to' (undtagen ved 'ought to').

can	kan / om evne og mulighed anmodning	Can you play the guitar? It can be very cold in Canada. Can I have a glass of water?
may	må / har tilladelse til vil måske / kan måske	You may leave now. It may rain. You might be right.
must	skal / er nødt til forbud indlysende faktum	He must leave now. You must not smoke in here. She must be mad.
ought to	bør / har pligt til	He ought not to do it.
shall	forslag (1. pers. nutid) i datid om moralsk pligt	Shall I help you? Shall we go now? You shouldn't do that.
will	vilje ønske / opfordring fremtid	I will not vote for him! Will / Would you pass me the sugar, please! I think our team will win the match.

Da mådesudsagnsordene kun findes i nutid og datid, bruges der andre udtryk i navneform, førnutid og førdatid, hvor det er muligt:

NAVNEFORM	NUTID	DATID	FØRNUITID / FØRDATID
infinitiv	præsens	præteritum	perfektum / pluskvamperfektum
to be able to	can	could	has / had been able to
to be allowed to	may	might / was allowed to	has / had been allowed to
to have to	must	must / had to	has / had had to
to be obliged to	ought to	ought to	has / had been obliged to
-----	shall	should	-----
to want to	will	would	has / had wanted to

Sammentrækninger

To be, to have og *mådesudsagnsordene* trækkes ofte sammen med ordet *not*.

is not → **isn't**, are not → **aren't**

was not → **wasn't**, were not → **weren't**

has not → **hasn't**, have not → **haven't**, had not → **hadn't**

cannot → **can't**, must not → **mustn't**, shall not → **shan't**, will not → **won't**

could not → **couldn't**, should not → **shouldn't**, would not → **wouldn't**

Det samme sker ved hjælpeudsagnsordet *to do*:

do not → **don't**, does not → **doesn't**, did not → **didn't**