

# Modals

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# Present Modals

- Have to vs Must
- I have to do it = I must do it (almost)
- I don't have to do it  $\neq$  I mustn't do it



# Present Modals

- I don't need to do it = I needn't do it
- I can go home now = I could go home now  
(just politeness issues)
- Probability: may, might, could



# Past Modals

- He must have done it. (100%)
- Form: must + have + 3rd form
- Opposite: He can't have done it. (0%)
- He mustn't have done it - **does not exist**



# Past Modals – 50%

- I may have done it.
- He might have done it.
- He could have done it.
  
- Careful: He could have done it – probability
- BUT: He could run fast – also past, but ability



# Past Modals - Need

- I didn't need to go to the bank  
= I did NOT go there, I stayed home

Also - I did not have to go to the bank – same meaning

**BUT:**

- I needn't have gone to the bank.  
= I went there, but it was closed for example

