

Modal Auxiliary Verbs

Modal verbs are also called helping verbs. When you add a helping verb to a sentence, you are changing the meaning.

I am shopping

Becomes

I should go shopping.

In German, the modal becomes the conjugated verb (in the second Position) and the infinitive form of the verb goes at the end.

Zum Beispiel:

Ich gehe einkaufen.

Ich soll einkaufen gehen.

Ich mache Hausaufgaben.

Ich soll Hausaufgaben machen.

Some of the modals are

- sollen (should)
- möchten (would like)
- müssen (must)
- wollen (want)
- können (can, able to)
- dürfen (may)