

Modals in the Present and Past

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Generally speaking modals in the past have the following form:

• modal + have + past participle

Example:

• Present:

You **should see** a doctor.

• Past:

You **should** have seen a doctor

Except for modals that express obligation, ability and lack of necessity:

• Obligation:

Present = I *must / have to* work hard. -- Past = I *had to* work hard.

Ability:

Present = I can run fast. -- Past = I could run fast when I was young.

• Lack of necessity:

Present = You don't have to / needn't take your umbrella. -- Past = You didn't have to / didn't need to take your umbrella.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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