Modal Verbs

might/might not	could/could not	would/would not	must/must not
may/may not	will/will not	ought/ought not	can/cannot
	should/should not	shall/shall not	

Modal verbs can have many uses. In most cases, they work with another verb to describe the possibility of something happening or to describe to what degree of certainty something is known.

The netball team <u>might</u> win the tournament.

Humpty Dumpty <u>could</u> fall off the wall.

Modal verbs can also express the obligation for someone to do something.

You <u>must</u> go and see the headteacher.

Modal verbs can also express an ability to perform the action of another verb.

I <u>cannot</u> play the ukulele yet but I am having lessons.

Yasmin <u>can</u> expertly dribble around defenders.