

Shall and Should



Introduction

Both 'Shall' and 'Should' are Modal Auxiliary verbs. That is, they can function as both Modals and Auxiliaries. Auxiliary verbs are followed by the simple form of a main verb. For example, "She should answer the call." In this sentence, "answer" is the main verb.

The Use of 'Shall'

1. The word "shall" is used to specify concepts that are associated with specific rules or laws. (Be careful to not confuse it with "must.").

Examples:

- ◆ You **shall** not run across the road.
- ◆ He **shall** not take the responsibility of looking after your kids.

2. The word "shall" is also used to discuss something that will happen or exist in the future:

Examples:

- ◆ **Shall** I reach you to school today?
- ◆ **Shall** we go for a picnic tomorrow?