



Paco visits Canada and the USA: In Toronto



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In Toronto



Modal verbs: form

Paco might experience the Niagara Falls

**can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will,
would, ought to**

- There is no 's' in the third person singular.
- There is no don't/doesn't in the negative.
- There is no do/does in the question.
- They do not normally have past forms.
- They do not have infinitives or -ing forms.
- They are followed by an infinitive without to (except 'ought to')



Deduction and possibility

It must be love

Deduction

It **must** be love.
It **can't** be love.

Possibility

Paco **could** visit Yorkville.
He **may** go for a walk around Toronto's Queen's
Quay.
He **might** experience the Niagara Falls.



Obligation, advice, prohibition, lack of obligation

You should visit the CN Tower

OBLIGATION	ADVICE	PROHIBITION	LACK OF OBLIGATION
Must Have to	Should Ought to	Mustn't	Don't/ doesn't have to



Ability, permission and request

Can I go on the Maid of the Mist?

ABILITY	PERMISSION AND REQUEST
can could (be able to)	can could may (be allowed to)



Summary

Can you complete the gaps?

DEDUCTION	POSSIBILITY	OBLIGATION	ADVICE
Must Can't	Could May Might Can	Must Have to	Should Ought to
PROHIBITION	LACK OF OBLIGATION	ABILITY	PERMISSION AND REQUEST
Mustn't	Don't/Doesn't have to	Can Could	Can Could May