German

School rules [1/3]

- Using the verbs dürfen, müssen and können

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Paar

haben

fahren

sagen

klar

Tag



lang



Mann

Klasse

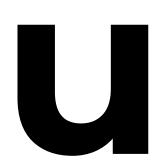
kalt

danke

Gast [guest]



unten



dunkel

Meinung

Punkt

Mutter

nutzen [to use]



ruhig	quiet
pünktlich	punctual
höflich	polite
die Toiletten	toilets
das Klassenzimmer	classroom
die Kantine	canteen



dürfen - to be allowed to, may

dürfen means "to be allowed to" or "may".

It's a strong/irregular verb so the conjugations are a bit different.

ich darf I am allowed to

du darfst you are allowed to

er/sie darf he/she is allowed to

Notice the **ich** and **er/sie** are the same



müssen - to have to, must

müssen means "to have to" or "must".

It's another strong verb so the conjugations are a bit different.

ich **muss** I have to

du **musst** you have to

er/sie muss he/she has to

Notice the **ich** and **er/sie** are the same



können - to be able to, can

können means "to be able to" or "can".

Once again, it's a strong verb so watch out for the conjugations.

ich **kann** I am able to

du kannst you are able to

er/sie kann he/she is able to

Notice the **ich** and **er/sie** are the same



Word order

dürfen, müssen and können are all modal verbs.

Modal verb 2nd idea +

infinitive at end of sentence

Ich darf auf die Toiletten gehen

Ich **muss** ruhig **sein**

Ich kann in der Kantine essen

I am allowed to go to the toilet

I have to be quiet

I am able to eat in the canteen



Du or man?

Talking to one specific person:

Talking about people in general:

du darfst you are allowed to

du musst you have to

du kannst you are able to

man darf you (general) are allowed to

man muss you (general) have to

man kann you (general) are able to



Du or man?

Du darfst reden.

You are allowed to talk.

Du musst pünktlich sein.

You must be punctual.

Du kannst in der Pause essen.

You are able to eat at break.

Man **darf** reden.

You (general) are allowed to talk.

Man muss pünktlich sein.

You (general) must be punctual.

Man kann in der Pause essen.

You (general) are able to eat at break.

Permission

Obligation

Ability



Modal verbs:

- 1. dürfen means to be allowed to, may
- 2. können means to be able to, can
- 3. müssen means to have to, must
- 4. When you use a modal verb you also need an Infinitive verb .. at the end of the sentence.
- 5. The pronoun "man" refers to you (general)

