

## MODAL VERB “SHALL”

This modal verb is most commonly used when the speaker is making suggestions in the “I” or “we” form. It is also used when asking for an opinion about something and talking about the future.

*Examples:*

**Shall I** open the window? (Suggestion)

**Shall** we dance? (Suggestion)

**Shall** we celebrate our wedding anniversary by drinking champagne? (Suggestion) This is a terrible situation, what **shall I do**? (Asking an opinion)

**Shall I** cook for you tonight my darling, you’ve been such a good wife. (Suggestion)

Oh no, the door’s locked and I don’t have the key, what **shall** we do? (Asking an opinion)

You **shall** do as I say or else you’ll be punished! (Command)

I **shall** go to the dance tonight, I’m getting rather bored staying at home Saturday nights. (Future)

We **shall** study tonight, we have an important exam tomorrow. (Future) You **shall** clean your room! (Command)

The negative form of “shall” is “shall not”. “Shall not” is also used as a negative command form which can be used with other pronouns other than “I” and “we”. “Shan’t” is rarely used.

### SHALL + NOT = SHAN’T

*Examples:*

**We shall not** go to the beach today, it’s too cold. (Future)

**I shall not** want to talk to you because you made me very angry! (Future) **Shall we not** do something about this horrible situation? (Asking an opinion) **Shall I not** talk to your mother and ask for forgiveness? (Asking an opinion)

**You shall not** go outside to play for two weeks, you’ve been a bad boy! (Negative command)

**He shall not** be allowed to ever come to my office again! (Negative command)

**They shall not** be allowed to leave this class until they finish their homework! (Negative command)

**You shall never** talk to that horrible man again! (Negative command)

**She shall never** go to those wild parties again, she is so young to be going to such parties! (Negative command)

**They shall never** be allowed to play outside alone when it’s dark outside, it’s too dangerous for them! (Negative command)

