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Advice (A good thing to do)				✓					Ought to, had better
Ability in present						✓			can
Obligation/Necessity	✓	✓							Have got to
Expectations								✓	Be supposed to
Strong Advice	✓								
Ability in past							✓		Was/were able to
Prohibition					✓				Can't
External Obligation		✓							