

## Re: [DE] modal verbs

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Barbara Need:

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> I don't know. I think use of both `_dare_` and `_need_` as modals (without  
> `-s` or `_to_`) in a positive utterance (as opposed to negative or  
> interrogative ones) is rarer than the other cases. My modalic usage  
> tends to be influenced by my study of them.  
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Strange, also German brauchen with a verb (used either modal or nonmodal as is the standard) is only possible in the negative form.

Is there a reason for this?

Joachim

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