

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT #2
GRAMMAR - MODALS

Exercise 1: Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the blog post.

Good vibrations

I was a keen musician at school, until I got an ear problem which got worse and worse. Before long I (1) **couldn't / can't** hear anything at all. Deaf people (2) **shouldn't / couldn't** study at the school so I (3) **must / had to** leave. I learn to live without sound, but it really got me down. Then one day my old singing teacher phoned and said, "You (4) **have to / shouldn't** give up on your music. My friend Jack (5) **can / ought** help you. You (6) **may / ought to** meet him."

With Jack's help, I discovered that I (7) **didn't have to / shouldn't** live without music. I found my voice again! I always (8) **can / have to** take my shoes off now before I sing, so that I (9) **can / may** feel the vibrations in the floor. An app on my mobile tells me if I'm singing the right note. Music isn't a sound for me now - it's a feeling!

Exercise 2: Complete these sentences with the correct modal verb.

CAN'T - COULD - MAY NOT - MUST - SHOULD - SHOULDN'T

1. Vera be very outgoing because she's always making new friends.
2. If you take this medicine, you feel better in a few days. It works really well.
3. Tracy be quite aggressive as a child, but she's much nicer nowadays.
4. That be Sanjay over there. He's on holiday with his parents.
5. We be going the right way. I'm not sure if I've understood the directions correctly.
6. I just want to finish this email. It's only a quick one so I be long.

Exercise 3: Complete the text with one word.

Zander_03 Hi everyone! I want to give you all an update on my last post. My school has given me some special rules for when I do exams. First, I (1) _____ use my laptop for written exams. This is great because I don't have (2) _____ worry about my handwriting. I must take exams in the exam hall, but I don't (3) _____ to finish at the same time as everyone else – I can have an extra 45 minutes. I'm so happy about this, because last year I (4) _____ answer half of the questions – I (5) _____ to read the text and the questions in a time limit, but I couldn't do it. I hope I get much better grades this year. Anyway, I (6) _____ get on with my revision now. I (7) _____ prepare for the history exam!

Exercise 4: Complete the second sentence so that that is has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. There were no tickets left so we were not able to see the concert.

[COULD]

There were no tickets left so we _____ the concert.

2. It can't be easy to go and live in another country.

[DIFFICULT]

It _____ to go and live in another country.

3. Jumping on the sofa is not a good idea. Mum will get really annoyed with us.

[NOT]

We _____ on the sofa. Mum will get really annoyed with us.

4. Children under twelve are not allowed to go into the swimming pool without an adult.

[CAN]

Children under twelve _____ go into the swimming pool without an adult.

5. It's not necessary to show your passport to anyone when you travel inside the UK.

[HAVE]

You _____ your passport to anyone when you travel inside the UK.