

MODAL VERBS

1. **Multiple choice.** Read the sentences and then choose the correct option.

- ❖ _____ I speak with the Chief Councillor please?
a. Might b. Should c. May
- ❖ You've never heard of Britney Spears? You _____ be serious!
a. can't b. had to c. must
- ❖ My son _____ be home by now.
a. can b. would c. should

2. **Fill in the gaps.** Read the text and then fill in the gaps using the phrases in the box.

EASTER ISLAND



Easter Island, 3,000 km off the coast of Chile in the Pacific Ocean is very far from land. Today, it is a small island with few people or trees, but at one time a lot of people lived there. Scientists believe that the original inhabitants

_____ by accident.

Around 100 people _____ on the western coast of the island.

But then the number of inhabitants increased too quickly. Scientists agree that the inhabitants _____ on the island and finally all died.

The Easter Island statues are famous, but nobody knows why they are there or why there are so many. The statues _____, or Easter Island _____ of a much bigger island. The statues are very large and heavy, so they _____ to move. Scientists still do not know how the inhabitants _____.

- may have landed
- might have done this
- must have used up all the food
- can't have been easy
- may have discovered the island

- should have done this
- could have been part
- might have been gods
- must not have landed

3. **Matching.** Read the list of modal verbs in the left and join each one with its definition in the right.

Concept Modal Chart

▪ Will	▪ Recommendation
▪ Should	▪ Responsibility or assumption
▪ May	▪ Past ability
▪ Must	▪ Future
▪ Would	▪ Present ability
▪ Can	▪ Present unreal or past used to
▪ Could	▪ Permission or probability

4. **Drag and drop.** Drag the images and drop them with the corresponding sentence.

❖ You must drink a lot of water in the Summer.



❖ You mustn't ride your bike on the grass.



❖ You mustn't bring animals into the shop.



❖ You must take your medicine on time.



5. **Open questions.** Think about these situations and create sentences using modal verbs.

➤ We are going to Paris for a weekend. (Make suggestions about things to do)

➤ You have just won the lottery! (Talk about possibility)

6. **Listening comprehension.** Listen to the audio and complete the sentences.

1. We _____ see a movie later today.
2. John _____ get his car started. (negative)
3. This _____ take an hour to finish.
4. _____ I help you?
5. The doctor said you _____ go on a diet.
6. She _____ be here until 2:00. (negative)
7. How much _____ I do?
8. I _____ do that if I were you. (negative)
9. This _____ hurt a little bit.
10. Tom and Sue _____ come. (negative)

7. **Pronunciation.** Read the following words (modal verbs) and pronounce them.

- Must
- Could
- Can
- Might
- Shall
- Should

8. **Watch and answer.** Watch those Harry Potter movie clips and identify the modal verbs you hear.



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9. **Drop down and select.** Complete the sentences with the words below.

can

can't

could

couldn't

1. When he was young, my grandfather _____ (run) 12 kilometers.
2. John can't run very fast but he _____ (jump) high.
3. _____ you _____ (finish) your homework last week?
4. _____ Tony _____ (find) his way to the party tonight?

10. Listen and choose. Listen to the audio and choose the correct answer.



a. must

b. can



a. can't

b. won't



a. must

b. could

11. Word search puzzle. Complete the word search puzzle about modal verbs.

R	W	I	T	O	T	E	D	E	O	S
C	L	O	O	I	N	N	D	S	J	A
I	N	P	U	U	A	A	U	H	B	U
I	A	D	A	L	G	A	U	A	E	U
D	U	U	O	A	D	H	L	L	A	L
U	N	M	O	S	C	R	T	L	L	H
M	M	L	H	C	H	L	D	I	A	M
U	T	I	H	A	O	O	W	U	M	I
S	U	N	G	N	A	U	U	G	A	C
T	G	E	L	H	H	C	L	L	Y	L
M	Q	N	C	A	T	M	S	D	D	L

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SHALL

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