

Modal Verbs

Look at the table and do the task.

Modal Auxiliary Verbs		
Must	Obligation	You must stop when lights turn red.
	Certainty	He must be tired, due to overworked.
Can	Ability	I can swim.
	Permission	Can I use your phone please.
Could	Ability	When I was younger I could run fast.
	Permission	Excuse me, could I just say something?
May	Possibility	It may rain tomorrow!
	permission	May I use your phone, please?
Might	Possibility	I might go on holiday to Fiji next year.
	Permission	Might I suggest an idea?
Should Ought to	Advice	You should / ought to revise your lessons
	Conclusion	He should / ought to be very tired.
Would Will	Prediction	I would be surprised if he is not elected.
	Request	Will you be quiet!



Complete the sentences using

CAN/COULD, MAY/MIGHT, MUST

1. You _____ keep the journal. I don't need it.
2. John said he _____ swim when he was three years old.
3. _____ I ask then, Mr. Morley, what are you doing here?
4. When he married her, she _____ not have been more than sixteen.
5. You _____ change your shoes. I won't have you in here with muddy feet.
6. Jane has bought a car, but she _____ not drive yet. She is taking driving lessons at the moment.
7. She looked unusually pale and gloomy. I wondered what _____ have upset her.
8. The man danced very well. He _____ have spent hours taking lessons, Jack thought.
9. They _____ have gone for their honeymoon. They've just married.
10. My father _____ be angry with me. He doesn't approve of my getting married.

HAVE TO/HAD TO/WILL HAVE TO; SHOULD, OUGHT TO

1. I'm sorry I'm late. I _____ go to the dentist's. I had a terrible toothache.
2. Sorry, I'm leaving. Tomorrow I _____ get up early.
3. They _____ light a fire to cook their supper.
4. He looked more than ever out of place, he _____ have stayed at home.
5. She _____ go to bed at eight o'clock to be up in time for the first train.
6. You _____ be more attentive to your parents. They need your support.
7. I don't think you _____ invite him to the party. He is such a bore!
8. I _____ to wear glasses as my eyesight is very weak.
9. If you want to master a language you _____ read a lot.
10. He was so rude to his father. I think he _____ apologize.

MUST, NEED, HAVE TO/HAD TO

1. Tell the children they _____ not shout. The baby is sleeping.
2. You _____ not have cash with you. You can pay by credit card.
3. The apples are very good. You _____ eat them all.
4. The guests _____ not wear evening suits. It's a casual event.
5. "I don't know why he did it." – "It _____ have amused him."
6. You _____ not have booked a room in the hotel. We have a spare bedroom.
7. You _____ not come tomorrow. I'll be busy.
8. They bombed us all day yesterday, and we _____ stay in the trenches.
9. I work for an international company, so I often _____ travel abroad.
10. You _____ not speak about our new project with them. It's a commercial secret.