

Modals of probability No.5

EXERCISES

Exercise 1. Put the words in the correct order to form sentences.

1. Inflation / this / go / end / possibly / up / at / of / will/ the / year

_____.

2. Unemployment / continue / next / increase / until / might / to / year

_____.

3. Consumer / won't / in / spending / short / probably / the / increase / term

_____.

Exercise 2. Match the sentences in column A with sentences in column B to form sentences. Write the answers – letters A, B, C, D, E, or F - in the table provided below.

A	B
1. Solar power may possibly become more popular because of	A. we're in a recession.
2. International air travel could decline because	B. the growth of online news sites.
3. Newspaper sales will certainly fall because of	C. more people get broadband access to the web.
4. The car industry probably won't improve while	D. the recession ends.
5. The use of Internet banking should increase as	E. growing concerns about the environment.
6. TV advertising will probably decline until	F. high oil prices will make it more expensive.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

Exercise 3. Put the sentences from exercise 2 in order of how likely each event is. Write numbers from 1 to 6 in the appropriate order.

MOST LIKELY LEAST LIKELY

Exercise 4. Look at the groups of four sentences. Two have a similar meaning (S), one has a different meaning (D), and one has incorrect word order (X). Mark each of the sentences with letters S, D, or X.

1. A. The price of gold will probably continue to rise.
- B. The price of gold will continue probably to rise.
- C. The price of gold should continue to rise.
- D. The price of gold will certainly continue to rise.

2. A. Unemployment probably will fall sharply this year.
- B. Unemployment will probably fall sharply this year.
- C. It's likely that unemployment will fall sharply this year.
- D. Unemployment might fall sharply this year.
3. A. Consumer spending is bound to decrease next year.
- B. Consumer spending might possibly decline next year.
- C. Consumer spending might decline possibly next year.
- D. It's possible that consumer spending could decline next year.

Exercise 5. Read the sentences provided below. Using **MIGHT, MUST, CAN'T** and a **BARE INFINITIVE** comment on the present situations.

1. I've got a new Rolex watch. I bought it in a market for \$5.
It _____.
2. John wasn't feeling well yesterday and he's not in the office today.
He _____.
3. I haven't got Henry's phone number, but I know that Ann has it.
She _____.

Exercise 6. Read the text about the Millennium Dome in London. Using the information in the text and your own ideas, speculate about what went wrong. Use **MUST HAVE, MIGHT (NOT) HAVE, CAN'T HAVE**.

1. *It might have been built in an unsuitable location.*
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

In 2000, the Millennium Dome, which was meant to be a great tourist attraction for London, was opened for one year. However, the expected numbers of visitors did not come. The organizers were constantly running out of money, and it finally closed at the end of December 2000 after making huge losses.

