

MODALS - EXERCISES

1) Complete the sentences with appropriate modal verbs.

1. They're having a baby. They _____ have to buy a bigger house.
2. _____ you _____ to get up early?
3. I'm sorry I _____ help you with your homework.
4. _____ we go out tonight?
5. I think we _____ do something to stop pollution.
6. _____ I borrow this book?
7. Why don't you apply for that job? You _____ get it.
8. My wife is waiting for me. I _____ not be late.

2) Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets.

1. Perhaps Mary is doing overtime. (may)

2. I managed to go to university. (able)

3. It is possible that Anne did not see the message. (might)

4. It's forbidden to smoke here. (mustn't)

5. It's impossible for you to see it at this distance. (can't)

6. She was able to play the piano when she was only four. (could)

7. I advise you to study more in order to pass the exam. (should)

8. They should think very well before acting. (ought)

3) Complete the conversation between Sarah and her mother.

Mary: Mum, (1) _____ I go to the cinema with John?
Mum: No, you (2) _____. You (3) _____ study for tomorrow's test. You (4) _____ have better marks.
Mary: But, mum, you (5) _____ at least let me rent a movie to see later on with John?
Mum: OK, you (6) _____ do that. But you (7) _____ start studying right now. You (8) _____ improve your marks.
Mary: I (9) _____ like to, but I don't know if I (10) _____.