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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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?
Mumr: 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) _____.

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