

ENGLISH TEST.

MODAL VERBS IN PRESENT

Complete the sentences with a modal verb from the box below. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

CAN - CAN'T - COULD - DON'T HAVE TO - HAD BETTER - MIGHT - MUST - MUSTN'T - SHOULDN'T - HAVE TO

1. You _____ be exhausted after your long trip. Come in and have a drink.
2. Brenda _____ be over thirty. She graduated a year after me and I'm only 26.
3. I won't go out this afternoon because the weather forecast is not very good, and I _____ get wet.
4. You _____ apply for the job yet. You can do it later this week.
5. I _____ have left my wallet in the car. I can't find it anywhere.
6. You _____ step into the headmaster's office without permission.
7. You _____ be more careful. You could have been killed crossing the street without _____.
8. Students _____ be late for school.
9. Students _____ wear uniforms at St. Pauls' college.
10. George has travelled a lot. He _____ speak 4 languages.

Choose the best option that describes the use of the modal verb in bold.

1. That **can't be** Jake. It's impossible. He said he was going to Spain.
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2. Tell your sister she **can** stay the night here if she wants to.
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3. You have already drunken a glass of wine. You **had better not** drive. Let me.
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4. You **must** see the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre when you go to Paris.
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5. I **don't have to** take orders from you. You're not my boss!
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6. I am training a lot nowadays so I **can** run very fast.

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obligation Prohibition.

7. Don't leave your window open at night. Someone **might** climb in.

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8. She **must** have got lost. Otherwise she'd be here by now.

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9. You **mustn't** shout in a library.

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10. If you are tired, I **shouldn't** go out with your friends tonight.

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obligation Prohibition.