

Modal verbs practice

Match the verb with its meaning.

WOULD

willingness, certain prediction or promise

MIGHT

request, invitation, or making arrangements

OUGHT TO

permission or future possibility

WILL

present or future possibility

COULD

ability or request

MUST

past ability, suggestion, future possibility

MAY

necessity or obligation

CAN

what's right and correct

SHALL

offer or suggestion

SHOULD

advice or uncertain prediction

Choose the correct sentence in each group.

1.

- a. You look sick. You shall go to the doctor.
- b. You look sick. You should go to the doctor.

c. You look sick. You would go to the doctor.

2.

a. I would rather not leave the house this late.

b. I would rather to not leave the house this late.

c. I'd rather to not leave the house this late.

3.

a. He can have told his parents about his absence from school.

b. He could have told his parents about his absence from school.

c. He shall have told his parents about his absence from school.

4.

a. The weather is so cold! It must be snowing.

b. The weather is so cold! It has to be snowing.

c. The weather is so cold! It should be snowing.

5.

a. You can't eat that if you don't want to.

b. You don't have to eat that if you don't want to.

c. You may not eat that if you don't want to.

6.

a. Might I go to the bathroom?

b. Ought to I go to the bathroom?

c. May I go to the bathroom?