

MODAL VERB REVISION!

Fill in the blanks with a modal form from the box !

CAN – CAN'T - COULD – COULDN'T - DIDN'T NEED TO -
MUST –

1. You've got plenty of time. You _____ hurry.
2. There's a knock at the door. I'm expecting Paul . It _____ be him.
3. I can't get my phone to work. It _____ be out of order
4. _____ I ask you a question ?
5. That was excellent work. But I _____ do it without you.
6. She _____ be 35. She looks older than that.
7. I _____ go to work on Saturdays. It's my day off.
8. Tom has given me a letter to post. I _____ forget to post it.
9. Ann stayed in bed this morning because she _____ go to work.
10. He _____ play chess when he was young.
11. You _____ drive a car when you're 18.
12. Jack spends the whole day just walking around. He _____ have a job.
13. When I was in school I _____ do a hand stand, but now I'm too old.
I
_____ do one any more.
14. My mother keeps telling me that we _____ wash our hands before we
sit down at the dinner table.
15. You _____ forget to turn off the lights when you go to bed.
16. When I was a child I _____ understand adults, now that I'm an adult I
_____ understand children.
17. Sally looks sad and worried . She _____ have a problem with something.
18. _____ I see your passport please.
19. He sees very badly, so he _____ wear glasses all the time.
20. I _____ take a taxi because the bus was on time.
21. He owns a very expensive house. He _____ be a rich person.
22. I _____ swim well when I was a child. I even won the
school championships.
23. You _____ go to the grocery store. We have some milk in the fridge.
24. I _____ find my keys. I probably left them at my mother's place.
25. You _____ buy the tickets. I got two for free from dad.
26. She _____ speak so rudely to her parents.
27. The teacher always tells us we _____ cheat during a test.
28. I _____ stop laughing. The joke was so funny.
29. I _____ look at you. You're so dirty. What were you up to ?
30. _____ you turn down the volume ? – It's too loud.

Modal	Concept	Example
Can	Ability:	Julie can swim.
	Permission:	Can I come with you? ('May' is also used.)
	Offers:	Can I help you?
Could	Possibility:	That story could be true - who knows!
	Past ability:	Charlie could swim when he was four years old.
	Permission:	Could I use your phone please?
	Requests:	Could you tell me the way to the station please?
May	Possibility:	The President may come to our offices if the meeting finishes before 5 pm.
	Permission:	May I borrow your dictionary?
Might	Slight possibility:	We might win a prize but I doubt it.
	Past form of 'may' in reported speech.	The President said he might come.
Should	Advice:	You should take an umbrella in case it rains.
	Logical deduction:	I've revised so I should be ready for the test.
Ought to	Advice:	You ought to write to your grandmother.
	Logical deduction:	30 € ought to be enough for the taxi.
Shall	Offers/suggestions with 'I' and 'we'	Shall I order a taxi? Shall we begin the meeting now?
Will	Future tense auxiliary:	Tomorrow I will be in New York.
	Invitations/offers:	Will you join us for coffee? Won't you come in?