Modal Verbs Practice: Ability, Permission, and Advice

Total questions: 21

Worksheet time: 11mins

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1. 1. I have a terrible headache. I ___ take some pain relief. (Advice)

   a) may
   b) can
   c) couldn't
   d) should

2. My grandfather is 90 years old, but he ___ still read without glasses. (Present Ability)

   a) might
   b) should
   c) ought to
   d) can

3. ___ I sit here, or is this seat taken? (Permission - Polite Request)

   a) Must
   b) Should
   c) Could
   d) Ought to

4. When she was a teenager, she ___ play the piano exceptionally well. (Past Ability)

   a) should
   b) could

5. You (a) _____ leave your bags unattended in the airport. It's against the rules. (Prohibition/Strong Advice)

   Choose from the below words

   May | Could | Shouldn't | Ought To

6. The professor said we (a) _____ use our phones during the lecture. (Permission - Negative)

   Choose from the below words

   Couldn't | Should | Ought To | Can

7. If you want to pass the exam, you (a) _____ study harder. (Advice)

   Choose from the below words

   May | Ought To | Couldn't | Can't

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8. I tried calling him yesterday, but the line was busy. I (a) _____ get through. (Past Ability - Negative)

Choose from the below words

Get | Couldn't | Was Able To | Managed To

9. (1) _____ I borrow your laptop for an hour? Mine broke down this morning. (Permission)

a) Might
b) Could
c) Should
d) Ought to

10. Hmm, I'm using it now, but you _____ use it later tonight. I'm busy until 8 p.m. (Permission/Possibility)

a) ought to
b) should
c) may
d) could

11. Okay, that works. But I _____ finish this report today. (Advice/Obligation)

a) might
b) ought to
c) may
d) can

12. I have a terrible sore throat. What _____ I do? (Advice)

a) might
b) should
c) may
d) can

13. D: You _____ not drink cold water. You _____ to drink hot tea with honey.
(Advice - Negative and Positive)

a) should, ought
b) could, might
c) may, can
d) can, may

14. When I was younger, I _____ stay underwater for over a minute! (Past Ability)

a) should
b) may
c) can
d) could

15. Wow, that's impressive! I _____ barely hold my breath for 30 seconds now.
(Present Ability - Negative)

a) can't
b) shouldn't
c) mightn't
d) oughtn't

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16. ***SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:***

*"You **shouldn't to eat** so much junk food if you want to be healthy."?*

a) You shouldn't eats so much junk food if you want to be healthy.

b) You shouldn't to eating so much junk food if you want to be healthy.

c) You shouldn't eat so much junk food if you want to be healthy.

d) You shouldn't eating so much junk food if you want to be healthy.

17. ***SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:***

"I ***can finished*** all my work early today because I started early."?

a) I can finishes all my work early today because I started early.

b) I can to finish all my work early today because I started early.

c) I can finishing all my work early today because I started early.

d) I can finish all my work early today because I started early.

18. ***SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:***

"The sign says that students ***may not to park*** in the staff lot."?

a) The sign says that students may not to parking in the staff lot.

b) The sign says that students may to not park in the staff lot.

c) The sign says that students may not park in the staff lot.

d) The sign says that students may not parking in the staff lot.

19. ***SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:***

"She ***ought taking*** a taxi because it's raining heavily outside."?

a) She ought to take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside.

b) She ought take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside.

c) She oughts take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside.

d) She oughted to take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside.

20. Which of the following is the correct way to ask for help with moving a sofa next weekend using a modal verb?

a) Could you helps me move this sofa next weekend?

b) Could you help me move this sofa next weekend?

c) Can you helped me move this sofa next weekend?

d) Could you help me moved this sofa next weekend?

21. Rewrite the sentence by replacing 'Could' with the correct modal verb for advice: _____ you please help me with my homework?

a) Might

b) Will

c) Must

d) Should

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