

Modal Verbs Practice Exercise

Instructions: Choose the correct option to complete each sentence based on the context of ability, permission, advice, obligation, or necessity.

1. I have a terrible headache. I think I _____ take an aspirin.
a) mustn't
b) should
c) have to
2. In most museums, you _____ touch the paintings. It's strictly forbidden.
a) don't have to
b) shouldn't
c) mustn't
3. It's my mother's birthday tomorrow. I _____ remember to call her.
a) must
b) can
c) shouldn't
4. He is a polyglot; he _____ speak five different languages fluently.
a) has to
b) can
c) should

5. You _____ wash the dishes. I've already put them in the dishwasher.

- a) mustn't
- b) shouldn't
- c) don't have to

6. To get a driver's license, you _____ pass a vision test. It's a law.

- a) must
- b) can
- c) should

7. The baby is sleeping. You _____ make so much noise.

- a) don't have to
- b) shouldn't
- c) can

8. Excuse me, _____ I use your phone for a moment? I lost mine.

- a) must
- b) have to
- c) can

9. She _____ study harder if she wants to pass the Saber 11 exam.

- a) should
- b) can't
- c) doesn't have to

10. In the UK, you _____ drive on the left side of the road.

- a) can
- b) must
- c) not should

11. I _____ swim very well, but my brother can do it.

- a) can't
- b) shouldn't
- c) mustn't

12. It's a very formal party. You _____ wear jeans.

- a) don't have to
- b) shouldn't
- c) can

13. Tomorrow is a holiday, so I _____ wake up early.

- a) mustn't
- b) shouldn't
- c) don't have to

14. You _____ eat so many sweets; it's bad for your teeth.

- a) shouldn't
- b) mustn't
- c) can't

15. Pilots _____ wear a uniform while they are working.

- a) can
- b) must
- c) should

16. I _____ go to the party tonight because I have to work late.

- a) can't
- b) don't have to
- c) shouldn't

17. You _____ park here. There is a "No Parking" sign.

- a) don't have to
- b) mustn't
- c) should

18. If you are feeling sick, you _____ stay in bed and rest.

- a) have to
- b) can
- c) should

19. My brother _____ clean his room every Saturday; it's my parents' rule.

- a) has to
- b) can
- c) must

20. You _____ buy a gift for me, but it would be very nice of you!

- a) mustn't
- b) don't have to
- c) can't