

Modals (1): ability, obligation, advice, permission

1 Match the sentences to the correct description.

- I'm sure David will be able to pass his exam at the end of term.
- Will you let me go to Sam's party on Saturday?
- You must make your bed every morning.
- Nate ought to get his ankle checked. It looks painful.
- They shouldn't have made fun of Katy. Now she's very upset.
- We don't have to organise the summer fair. Another class is going to do it.

- giving advice
- asking for permission
- expressing obligation
- expressing lack of obligation
- expressing future ability
- making a criticism

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I _____ any liquids the night before the operation. (**not allow** / **drink**)
- Don't forget that Terry is allergic to nuts. He _____ nuts. (**must not** / **eat**)
- Everyone in the class plays a musical instrument, but Katy is the only one who _____. (**can** / **sing**)
- You've been playing football all afternoon. I think you _____ a shower. (**should** / **have**)
- Teresa _____ in bed today, because she has flu. (**have to** / **stay**)
- _____ the window? It's very hot in here. (**may** / **open**)

Modals (2): possibility, probability, certainty

3 Choose the best answer (a, b or c) to fill each gap.

- Ray is on the phone. He _____ the doctor now.
a) must ring b) must be ringing
c) must ringing
- We arranged to meet them at 5 o'clock. It's already 5:05, so they _____ here soon.
a) should be b) ought be c) should to be
- Dad didn't go to work today, so he _____ at the office.
a) can be b) can't be c) could be

- My knee really hurts. I _____ injured it when I fell over.
a) must have b) didn't have c) mustn't have

- Cheer up! It's only a small cut. It _____ a lot worse.
a) can be b) could be c) could to be

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be* or *have* and an appropriate modal verb.

- Working long hours at the hospital _____ tiring.
- I think I _____ a bandage in the cupboard. Let me check.
- I'm sorry you've had to wait so long. The doctor _____ here soon.
- Performing a complicated operation _____ difficult.
- I can hear the water running so she _____ having a shower.

Unit round-up

5 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box. There is an extra phrase that you do not need.

can't be | can do | couldn't believe
could jump | had to have
may have broken | might have cut
must hurt | mustn't jump | should give

Romina: What happened to you? I

(1) _____ it when Mike said you were in hospital.

Alice: I had an accident while I was riding. The doctors think I (2) _____ my leg. I (3) _____ an x-ray, and now I'm waiting for the results.

Romina: It (4) _____ a lot.

Alice: It does!

Romina: How did you fall off?

Alice: I was jumping in the ring. Misty was jumping well, so I thought we (5) _____ the hedge.

Romina: You know we (6) _____ that!

Alice: I know! Misty jumped it but her legs got caught and I went flying. It's all my fault.

Romina: Is Misty OK?

Alice: I think so. But I think she (7) _____ her leg. I (8) _____ Dave a call to check.

Romina: I (9) _____ that for you. Anything else I can do?