

Basic Modals Exercise 1

For each sentence, choose the modal (**should**, **can**, **must**) that is most appropriate.

NB: In American English, “must” often sounds old-fashioned and/or bossy - it’s more natural in most cases to say “have to” as in “You have to be at the airport at 9” not “You must be at the airport at 9”.

1. She looks pretty sick. I think she _____ go to a doctor.
a) should b) can
2. You've been driving all day. You _____ be exhausted!
a) should b) must
3. You _____ smoke so much. It's bad for your health.
a) can't b) shouldn't
4. Hey I'm lost. _____ you help me?
a) Can b) Should
5. You have such a beautiful voice. You _____ sing for us!
a) should b) can
6. I know he speaks five languages, but _____ he speak Arabic?
a) should b) can
7. That looks very expensive. It _____ have cost a fortune!
a) should b) must
8. I _____ believe that you failed your test!
a) can't b) shouldn't
9. I'm on my way. I _____ be there in about 10 minutes.
a) should b) can
10. I _____ afford that.
a) can't b) shouldn't