

V. Модальные глаголы can/be able to – can't – could – (don't) have to – must – mustn't

1 Choose the correct variant.

- 1) You _____ (must / can) drive carefully near the crossing.
- 2) The water _____ (was able to / couldn't) be cold. It has been very hot these days.
- 3) The elephants _____ (mustn't / are not able to) stand the mice.
- 4) My Granny _____ (could / mustn't) speak several languages.
- 5) People _____ (mustn't / are not able to) litter in the city.
- 6) He was weak and everybody _____ (had to / was able to) beat him.
- 7) (Can / Could) _____ you hear a strange noise out there?
- 8) We _____ (could / had to) smell something burning.
- 9) The children _____ (are able to / mustn't) talk with their mouthful.
- 10) She is a perfect psychologist. She _____ (was able to / had to) persuade me to come.

2 Complete the sentences using can or be able to. Use the proper tense forms.

- 1) Harry has travelled a lot and he _____ speak three languages.
- 2) I haven't _____ sleep well this night.
- 3) Sam _____ drive but he hasn't got a car.
- 4) She used _____ do karate.
- 5) He _____ drive slowly if he wants.
- 6) I can't understand George. I _____ never understand him.
- 7) Be careful with the reptile. It _____ be poisonous.
- 8) Kangaroos _____ run at a high speed.
- 9) She _____ take up the job. She does not have any experience.
- 10) I _____ come and see you tomorrow if you want.

3 Complete the sentences using modals. Use the proper tense forms.

- 1) You _____ park here it's strictly forbidden.
- 2) _____ you _____ to understand his singing?
- 3) Children _____ wash their hands before taking meals.
- 4) She is too sick. She _____ walk and _____ stay in bed.
- 5) I had to go to the next shop, because I _____ to buy any bread in the nearest one.
- 6) You _____ smoke here.
- 7) The city is a big jungle where you _____ easily get lost.
- 8) Everybody _____ to escape from fire.
- 9) Elephants _____ carry big logs.
- 10) I used _____ to sing well.