modal verb

Modals of ability, permission, polite request (can, can't, could, may, be able to, would)

a) Mrs Jones, _____ you pass me that document, please? (polite request)

b) When I finish my training, I will _____ beat all my opponents!

c) I _____ go to the concert tonight because my parents don't want me to.

d) If you've finish reading the newspaper, _____ I borrow it?

e) _____I go to the toilet, please?

f) _____ I come in?

g) David is quite good at sport. However, he _____ _____climb the rope! He feels so disappointed.

h) How many languages _____ you speak?

i) _____ you step aside, please? (polite)

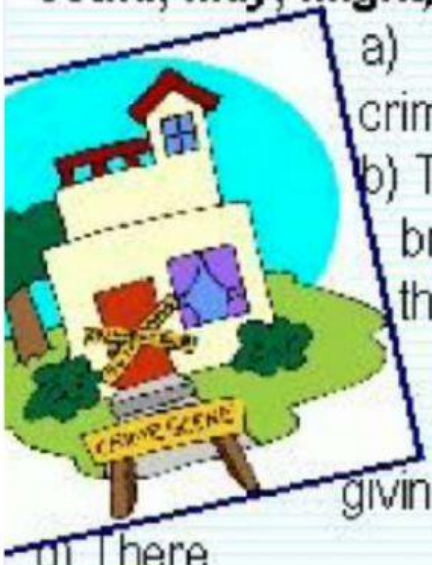
k) _____ you open the window, sweetheart?

l) If you don't train harder, you won't_____ win the competition!

m) I _____ hear you. _____ you speak up?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Modals of deduction/possibility: (must, can't, could, may, might)



a) Look, that _____ be the crime scene!
b) The burglars _____ have broken into the house through the window. It's not open.
c) That man over there _____ be the chief detective. He's giving orders to the others.
d) There _____be someone injured. There's an ambulance at the door.
e) The burglars _____ be from the area because someone recognized one of them.
f) The police _____ arrest them in a few hours.
g) The neighbour _____ have seen something. The police will probably interrogate him.
h) The front door _____ be open during the night.
i) The burglars _____be hidden inside the house right now! It's quite unlikely, though.

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2. Modals of necessity and obligation/lack of obligation/prohibition: (must, mustn't, have to, don't have to)

a) You _____study harder if you want to succeed at school. You _____be lazy!

b) Students _____wear a uniform in that school. They can wear whatever they want to.

c) David, you _____tidy your room! I've told you so a hundred times!

d) Drivers _____exceed the speed limit.

e) This is an optional activity, so you _____ do it if you don't want to.

f) I _____ pay more attention in class.

g) You _____ do your homework before dinner.

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