

Modals 3: certainty and possibility; ability certainty and possibility; ability (Practice)

Exercise 1: Choose the correct verbs.

Carlotta: I can't find my keys and I'm late. There (1) **might** / **must be** a lot of traffic in town so I need to hurry. They're not in my bag so they (2) **must** / **can't be** in the flat somewhere.

George: Have you looked in the kitchen?

Carlotta: They (3) **can't/could** be there because I haven't been in the kitchen.

They (4) **must/might** be in the bedroom because I changed my clothes there or they

(5) **could/must be** on the table in the hall. I'll go and look. No, they're not there.

George: Did you leave them in the car?

Carlotta: They (6) **could/can't** be in the car because I opened the door with them. They

(7) **can't/must** be here somewhere.

George: I can't see them. Let's think. They (8) **might/can't be** in your coat pocket

because you weren't wearing one but they (9) **can't/might be** in your jeans pocket. Have you looked there?

Carlotta: Oh, thanks. I've found them. I (10) **can/may** be home a bit late tonight.

Bye.



Exercise 2: Write can, can't, could, or couldn't in the spaces.

1 I'm sorry I **can't** come to your party. I'm busy on Saturday.

2 You sing much better than that when you were younger.

3 Rachel's son counts to 20 and he's only two!

4 We didn't speak the language so we understand what the woman said.

5 you read that notice from here? I haven't got my glasses with me.

6 I know that man but I remember his name.

7 Anne-Marie likes to sit close to the stage so she see the actors' faces clearly.

8 I'm afraid of going on a boat because I swim.

9 When I was a teenager I walked everywhere because I drive.

10 you write your name when you started school?

11 He looked everywhere for the ring but he find it.

12 you open this window? I've tried, but it's too heavy

Exercise 3: Fill in the gaps with words from the box.

are be is to be hasn't been haven't been isn't will
weren't wasn't won't be ~~were~~

1 None of the students able to read the teacher's writing.

2 Your sister speaks very good Spanish. you able to speak any foreign languages?

3 you be able to finish that homework by tomorrow?

4 They able to see anything from the plane because it was cloudy.

5 I'm sorry, I able to come to your wedding next month because I've got exams.

6 He able to take a holiday since last summer.

7 If you want to do the diving course, you have able to swim.

8 I looked everywhere but I able to find the photograph because Laura had it.

9 Rebecca able to lend you some money or do you want me to give you some?

10 Let's phone the theatre. We may able to get seats for tonight.

11 I wanted to invite James but I able to contact him.

12 The manager able to see you now. Can you come back tomorrow?