

## GRAMMAR

### ► Modals and Modal Perfects

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#### 1 Choose ONE or TWO correct modals in each sentence.

- 1 I live on the 50th floor, so I can't / mustn't / am not able to hear the street noise.
- 2 Parking's going to be a problem. We ought to / should / would arrive early in order to find a space.
- 3 The event is free. Nobody has to / could / needs to pay.
- 4 Would / May / Could you tell me where the community garden is?
- 5 I'm not sure, but the supermarket might / can / may be open round the clock.
- 6 There's no such thing as a drone that carries people. That must / has to / should be a joke.
- 7 We didn't have to / needn't / couldn't see much because people were standing in front of us.
- 8 Judy fixed my phone, so I'm sure she must / can / ought to repair yours, too.

#### 2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the affirmative or negative form of the modals in brackets.

- 1 It's not a good idea to walk alone in the alley. (should)  
You ..... .
- 2 It's not certain that the mayor will attend the meeting. (might)  
The mayor ..... .
- 3 I've got no choice but to commute by train. (must)  
I ..... .
- 4 They aren't available to help us today. (can)  
They ..... .
- 5 There's no need to bring anything. (have to)  
You ..... .
- 6 Do you mind if I leave my bicycle here? (may)  
I ..... ?



#### 3 Complete the dialogue with the words in brackets. Use modal perfects.

**Kate:** Have you heard? They're going to build a new road through the town.

**Joe:** The council <sup>1</sup> ..... (must / decide) that's the best way to solve the traffic jam.

**Kate:** I think they <sup>2</sup> ..... (should / think of) other solutions.

**Joe:** Like what?

**Kate:** Well, in my opinion, the mayor <sup>3</sup> ..... (ought to / improve) public transport years ago.

**Joe:** You're right. Actually, there are lots of things they <sup>4</sup> ..... (could / do) – like introducing bicycle lanes.

**Kate:** Yeah. Anyway, they <sup>5</sup> ..... (shouldn't / take) the decision without a public vote. So ... are you coming to the demonstration?

**Joe:** Sorry, I'm going to the dentist. I <sup>6</sup> ..... (would / cancel), but my tooth is really hurting me.

**Kate:** Oh, well, next time!

#### 4 Complete the sentences in a logical way. Use the verbs in brackets and a modal perfect.

- 1 I didn't realise there would be so much traffic. We ..... (leave) earlier.
- 2 It's possible he turned off his phone. He ..... (not get) your text yet.
- 3 She fell off her bike, but luckily she's fine. She ..... (hurt) herself.
- 4 It's a pity I didn't know you were interested in urban planning. I ..... (invite) you to the lecture.
- 5 Oh, no! The guard is locking the station! We ..... (miss) the last train home!

**5** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Add a suitable affirmative or negative modal or modal perfect.

- 1 According to law, the city ..... (give) permission for all new buildings. We aren't allowed to start construction until that happens.
- 2 I ..... (pay) the fine on time. Now it's going to be double the amount.
- 3 I think I know you. We ..... (met) before.
- 4 I heard the mayor is coming next week, but unfortunately I ..... (attend) the meeting.
- 5 They ..... (hold) the concert in the park, but it was raining.
- 6 He ..... (say) that. He's never been rude to anyone.

**6** Write what you would say in each situation. Use a suitable modal or modal perfect.

- 1 You regret not revising for an exam.  
I should have revised for the exam.
- 2 You are certain that a friend's bracelet is expensive.
- 3 You tell a friend that you never had the ability to ice-skate.
- 4 There's a possibility that you left your jacket at school.
- 5 You tell your mum that it's not necessary for her to drive you to school.

**7** Correct the errors.

- 1 There may is early elections for the city council.
- 2 They should haven't destroyed the forest to build houses in the 1980s.
- 3 They can't know that plastic bags are banned. I'm sure they would have respected the law.
- 4 Could have we learnt from previous mistakes?
- 5 Sarah needn't has waited in the queue to get the tickets last night.

**8** Translate the sentences into your own language.

- 1 The growing crime rate might become a serious problem.
- 2 Libraries should be open round the clock.
- 3 They must never build a skyscraper here.
- 4 They should have cleared the pavement earlier.
- 5 Justin looks worried. The interview might not have gone well.

#### GRAMMAR REVIEW

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**9** Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets and a modal or modal perfect when necessary. Where there is no verb, use relative pronouns.

### Las Vegas – A Green City

Since December 2016, Las Vegas <sup>1</sup> (be) the largest US city to use only renewable energy for all municipal needs and facilities. Its renewable energy project, <sup>2</sup> began in 2008, <sup>3</sup> (reduce) electricity usage by 30% and the city now <sup>4</sup> (save) \$5 million annually. Renewable energy <sup>5</sup> (come) from natural sources such as sunlight, wind or water. Unlike fossil fuels like coal and oil, renewable energy <sup>6</sup> (not generate) pollution. Environmentalists say that the move to renewable energy <sup>7</sup> (should / begin) a long time ago, but they are pleased that progress is being made now. Las Vegas <sup>8</sup> (reach) its goal of 100% renewable energy in 2016, <sup>9</sup> a large solar plant was opened outside the city. Environmentalists are hoping that Las Vegas' success <sup>10</sup> (change) public opinion about powering large cities solely with clean energy.

