

MODAL VERBS

I. Use the words in the box only once to complete the sentences

should	could	must	needn't	might	allowed
could	had to	were	able	ought	mustn't

Table A	Table B
1. We _____ have taken the wrong road.	Expressing certainty or probability
2. He was _____ to save the boy from drowning.	Expressing ability in a particular situation
3. I _____ ride a bike when I was 12 years old.	Expressing general ability in the past
4. I _____ forget to phone Ann tonight!	Expressing personal obligation
5. You can't remember what I said. You _____ have listened more carefully.	Disapproval, regret or reproach of the past action
6. We _____ walk all the way to the station.	Expressing obligation or necessity out of circumstances
7. I can't find my bag anywhere. - You _____ have left it in the shop.	Expressing greater uncertainty or possibility
8. The children were _____ to watch TV last night.	Giving or refusing permission
9. We _____ have gone to the cinema but we decided to stay at home.	Expressing ability or opportunity to do, but didn't do it.
10. There is plenty of food at home. I _____ go to the shop today.	Expressing absence of necessity
11. We _____ to meet at the station at 9.20	Expressing an agreement or arrangement, part of a plan
12. A man _____ to help his parents when they become old	Expressing moral obligation

II. Choose the right variant

- _____ I have a look at those shoes in the window, please?
- We _____ pay for the tickets as Sam won them in a lottery.
- I _____ have gone to Oxford but I decided to go to a more modern university.
- Jane _____ have bought a car. I saw her driving past my house this morning.
- You _____ smoke during take-off.
- You _____ have told her the truth earlier. She wouldn't have been so angry.
- We _____ worry about getting to the airport on time; it's really close by.
- We couldn't find a hotel room so we _____ sleep in the car. It was awful.
- Sorry, I've got to rush. I _____ meet mother at the metro station at 6 sharp.
- I _____ be away from home tomorrow.
- Next year I think you _____ translate any report into your own language.
- When I was a child I _____ jump very high.