MODAL VERBS

Type	Modal Verbs	Examples
ABILITY	Can, Could	David can speak three languages. He could speak fluent French when he was 5.
PERMISSION	Can, Could, May	Can I sit in that chair please? Could I open the window? May I borrow your dictionary?
ADVICE	Should	You should visit your dentist at least twice a year. You should try to lose weight.
OBLIGATION	Must, Have to	I must memorize all of these rules about tenses. You have to take off your shoes before you get into the mosque.
POSSIBILITY	Might, May, Could, Can	It looks nice, but it might be very expensive. Richard may be coming to see us tomorrow.

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Modal Verbs - Asking Permission ???

Informal

CAN

- Can I borrow your pen for a minute ?
- Can I speak to John Wilson ?

Polite

COULD

- Could I please have a glass of beer ?
- Could I open the window ?

Formal

MAY

- May I ask a question please ?
- May we go home now ?

Polite

WOULD

- Would you mind if I asked you something?

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Dialogues Using Modal verbs

Aim: Use the variety of modal verbs correctly.

Activity instruction: Complete the dialogue with the modal verbs.

- Can, could, may I, might, must, will, shall, would, should.
- Conversation between Grandma and granddaughters.

Grandma and a granddaughter in the kitchen talking while preparing food together.

G. Daughter: _____ I help you?

Grandma: Yes, Of course, but you _____ wear an apron.

After wearing an apron.

Grandma: Perfect.

Grandma: First we _____ mix everything in order to obtain the dough.

Grandma: Now we _____ roll the dough with the rolling pin.

G. Daughter: _____ I do it, please?

Grandma: Yes, of course

Grandma: Now we are going to top it with tomato sauce, cheese, onion, bacon, and mushrooms.

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G. Daughter: _____ I slice the onion?

Grandma: No, you _____.

G. Daughter: Why not?

Grandma: Because your eyes may start to burn and tears may run down your face.

Grandma: But you _____ cut the bacon.

Grandma: You _____ be careful with the knife. And you _____ cut it so fast.

Grandma: Now we _____ put it in the oven.

G. Daughter: How long _____ we bake our pizza?

Grandma: We _____ bake it for more than 15 minutes, it _____ get burned.

Grandma: The Pizza _____ be ready now. Let's take a look.

G. Daughter: Grandma, is the pizza ready? It smells delicious!

Grandma: You _____ wash your hands before you eat.

Grandma: Let's eat pizza now. You _____ be very hungry

G. Daughter: Yeah. we are.

G. Daughter: Grandma, _____ you pass me the ketchup, please?

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Grandma: Of course, here you are.

G. Daughter: Thanks

Grandma: _____ you like some more?

G. Daughter: No, thanks, I _____ like ice cream now.

Grandma: Let's go to the park and have some ice cream, _____ we?

G. Daughter: That sounds awesome. _____ I take my bike, too?

G. Daughter: And _____ I take my roller skates?

Grandma: Sure, you _____ take your bike and roller skates, too.

G. Daughter: It's so great that you can roller skate, Michelle!

G. Daughter: I wish I _____ do it, too! It _____ be terrific!

Don't worry, I _____ teach you soon.

Grandma: But you _____ ride your bike without training wheels now! That's great, too!

Grandma: That's great too.

Grandma: You _____ be content with that for now.

G. Daughter: Look at these beautiful flowers.

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G. Daughter: _____ I pick them, grandma?

Grandma: No, you _____ not pick the flowers.

G. Daughter: _____ I drink water from this fountain?

Grandma: No, you _____ drink water from that fountain.

Grandma: It's not healthy. You _____ get sick.

Grandma: This is a special fountain: if you throw a coin into the water, you _____ make a wish!

Grandma: It _____ just come true.

G. Daughter: Grandma, _____ you buy me a chocolate ice cream, please?

Grandma: Yes of course.

G. Daughter: I _____ like a Vanilla ice cream.

Ice cream Woman: Hello! _____ I help you?

Grandma: I _____ like three single cones of ice cream, please.

G. Daughter: _____ I have a double cone, please?

Grandma: You _____ not eat so much because you _____ get a sore throat.

Ice cream Woman: What flavour _____ you like?

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G. Daughter: I _____ like Vanilla, chocolate and strawberry flavour, please.

After eating an ice cream....

G. Daughter: The ice cream was delicious, but I don't like the cone.

Grandma: You _____ throw rubbish on the ground, Alice.

Grandma: You _____ throw it into the garbage can.

In the park....

Grandma: You _____ climb up the slide. You _____ hurt yourself and you _____ hurt other kids, too.

Grandma: Alice, you _____ wait your turn!

Grandma taking permission to sit on the bench In the park.

Grandma: Excuse me, _____ I sit here?

Lady: Yes, you _____.

Grandma: Thank you.

Grandma: _____ we go home now, girls?

G. Daughter: _____ we stay a little bit longer, please?

Grandma: Oh, that _____ be your mom.

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G. Daughter: Yes, she is. She _____ be curious to know what we are doing.

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