

## Modal verbs

**REMEMBER that MODAL VERBS...**

.....don't take "s" at the end of the third person (he/she/it)

.....are followed by the verbs in base form

**TASK A.** It is possible to form 16 modal verbs with the letters of the box. They can be used several times.

M	S	D	Y	I	T	U	H	A	G
L	B	O	V	W	C	E	N	R	P

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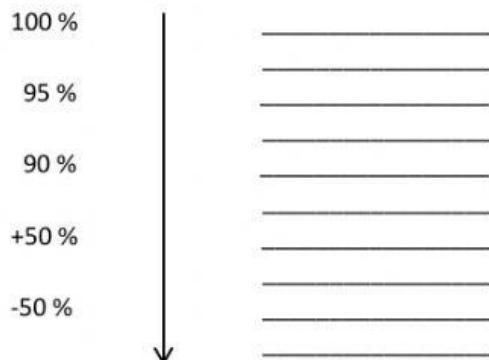
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**TASK B.** Order these modal verbs according to the percentage of probability.

(*be going to, may, could, can, should, will, might, will, have to, ought to*)



**TASK C.** Fill in the gaps with one of the following modal verbs: *can/ could/ have to/ must/ might/ should*.

1. Ted's flight took more than 11 hours. He \_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after such a long flight.
2. If the plants don't get enough water, they \_\_\_\_\_ die.
3. Where is the spatula? It \_\_\_\_\_ be in this drawer but here is nothing.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ take your umbrella with you today, because a storm is predicted.
5. Jenny's engagement ring is enormous! It \_\_\_\_\_ have cost a fortune.
6. When you have a small child in the house, you \_\_\_\_\_ leave small objects lying around.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you hold your breath for more than a minute?
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ buy a new TV. Mine isn't working properly.
9. My professor said we \_\_\_\_\_ read it if we need extra credit.
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ go now, if we don't want to lose the Train.

**TASK D.** Choose the most appropriate option for each sentence.

1. You don't look well, you \_\_\_\_\_ see a doctor. (advice)  
a. should      b. could      c. can
2. Whose notebook is this? – I am not sure. It \_\_\_\_\_ be Manfred's. (possibility)  
a. must      b. ought to      c. might
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ stay at home tonight, because her son is sick. (necessity)  
a. should      b. has to      c. may
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ interrupt the principal when he is a meeting. (prohibition)  
a. may not      b. won't      c. mustn't
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ leave work at 4 pm today. (permission)  
a. could      b. can      c. shall
6. Although he is ill, he \_\_\_\_\_ run 5 km without problems. (ability)  
a. should      b. might      c. can
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you bring a me a glass of water?. (request)  
a. could      b. will      c. should
8. If you don't know what to do, you \_\_\_\_\_ ask for advice to your father (suggestion)  
a. can      b. should      c. have to
9. Diego's mother told him that he \_\_\_\_\_ be at home at 11 pm. (obligation)  
a. ought to      b. has to      c. can
10. It's cold. \_\_\_\_\_ you close the window? (order)  
a. must      b. might      c. can

**TASK E.** Underline the best option for the next sentences.

1. I didn't feel very well yesterday. I couldn't / mustn't eat anything
2. You should / could look at me when I am talking to you.
3. I was using my pencil one minute ago. It must / could be here.
4. You really mustn't / shouldn't be late again.
5. If you don't start working harder, you will have to / might repeat the course next year.
6. Phone her now. She must / has to be at home now.
7. I might / can be able to help you, but I'm not sure yet.
8. I really must / may try to get fit.
9. You shouldn't / don't have to eat so much chocolate. It's not good for you.
10. It's very important to be able to / can speak more than one language.

**TASK F.** Match the questions of the first column with the correct answer of the second one.

1. <i>Can you speak Italian?</i>	_____ A. Yes, because it's my best friend party.
2. <i>May I go to the bathroom Mr. Jones?</i>	_____ B. Sorry, I don't know where I left it.
3. <i>What time should the meeting begin?</i>	_____ C. No, I speak French and German.
4. <i>May I have another piece of cake?</i>	_____ D. Yes, please.
5. <i>Would you pass the pepper please?</i>	_____ E. Because it is the company anniversary.
6. <i>Shall I help you with that package?</i>	_____ F. It is supposed to begin at 9:30.
7. <i>Could I borrow your camera?</i>	_____ G. Yes, of course.
8. <i>Shall we discuss this later?</i>	_____ H. Sure, there is a lot.
9. <i>Why don't we have to work today?</i>	_____ I. No, it is really important.
10. <i>Must you go to that party?</i>	_____ J. Sure, you may.