

## MODAL EXERCISES

Read the sentences and what they describe. Then cross out the word or phrase in each sentence that is NOT correct.

- 1) Miranda was ill, so she **couldn't/ didn't have to/ wasn't able to** go to the end-of-year disco at her school. (ability)
- 2) I really think you **can/ ought to/ should** stop texting so much. I'm sure you will hurt your hands! (advice)
- 3) Don't forget to take all of your medicine. You **could /have to / must** do it or your cough won't improve. (obligation)
- 4) The doctor says that I **can/may/ should** go to football practice today because I'm much better. (permission)
- 5) You **don't have /mustn't / don't need to** go to the chemist's- I can go for you. (lack of obligation)
- 6) **My mum doesn't let me / I'm not allowed to / I don't need to** go swimming when I have a cold. (permission)

Write the modals according to what they describe.

- 1) Advice: .....
- 2) Obligation: .....
- 3) Past ability: .....
- 4) Ability or permission: .....
- 5) Lack of obligation(present): .....
- 6) Lack of obligation(past): .....

Complete the chat with one Word in each gap. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

Rafi: Hi. We're going to the beach today. .... you come?

George: I don't think I'll be ..... to. I've got a cold.

Rafi: Oh, maybe you ought ..... stay at home, yes. But you know, you don't ..... to get in the water –just sit on the beach.

George: Hmm, maybe. Let me ask my mum if she will ..... me go.

Rafi: Ok. I hope you're ..... to come with us. It's going to be fun. (a bit later)

George: Right. She says I ..... go to the beach, but I ..... not go swimming or I'll be in big trouble.

What time are we leaving?

Rafi: At 11, but it's 10 now, so you ..... hurry up and get ready. I ..... meet you at the bus stop.

George: Great! See you at 11!

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- 1) Poor Ruby ..... be ill. She has been coughing all night.  
a) need      b) ought      c) must
- 2) My grandma ..... treat a cold with plants from her garden.  
a) could      b) should      c) must
- 3) My mum says I ..... go out with wet hair or I'll get sick.  
a) am not allowed      b) shouldn't      c) don't have to
- 4) You aren't ..... to leave the hospital until you're better.  
a) let      b) allowed      c) need
- 5) You ..... go to the chemist's –I'll get your medicine.  
a) Might not      b) couldn't      c) don't have to
- 6) Jim ..... be at the hospital, so you can call him there.  
a) ought to      b) can      c) able to
- 7) The doctor says I ..... drink coffee at night- it's a bad idea.  
a) don't have to      b) mustn't      c) couldn't
- 8) I ..... go out on Saturday night if I'm sick.  
a) not allowed      b) don't need to      c) won't be able to

Choose the correct word or phrase.

- 1) I **can / could** read when I was three year old.
- 2) I don't think you **should /might** watch this film. It's scary.
- 3) You don't have to come / **mustn't** come shopping with me, but you can if you like.
- 4) I hope we'll **can / be able to** visit you again soon.
- 5) I **can / could** get a new phone for my birthday- if I'm lucky!
- 6) My mum's gone shopping, but she **should /can** be back soon.
- 7) Fran **mustn't /can't** be away on holiday. I saw her this morning.
- 8) Veronica **couldn't / mustn't go to** school yesterday because she was ill.
- 9) I am allergic to milk, so I **mustn't / don't have to** eat any cheese or yogurt.,
- 10) My grandma's eyesight isn't great, so she **has to / will be able to** wear glasses when she reads.
- 11) After I injured my shoulder, my doctor said I **shouldn't / ought to** play football until I recovered.
- 12) When Tim is better, he **could / will be able to** do first-aid course.

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LIVE WORKSHEETS