

# MODALS and SEMI-MODALS

Sentences from the exercises page 30 – 46, Grammar Worksheets, Eric Cohen Books

1. Choose *can*, *can't*, *could* or *couldn't*:

- a. I can understand English, but I **can't** / **couldn't** speak it very well.
- b. **Can** / **Could** you stand on your head?
- c. I wanted to call Sara, but I **can't** / **couldn't** remember her phone number.
- d. Gil **can't** / **couldn't** start his car this morning so he took a bus to work.

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of *be able to* (positive or negative):

- a. We made a mistake. Luckily, we \_\_\_\_\_ fix it.
- b. Aunt Dorit took a taxi to our house. We \_\_\_\_\_ meet her at the airport.
- c. The door was locked. I \_\_\_\_\_ open it.
- d. Dana has lost her voice. She \_\_\_\_\_ sing tonight.

3. Choose the correct form:

- a. I'm sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ organize the class party next week.
- b. You \_\_\_\_\_ stay with me. I can wait by myself.
- c. You \_\_\_\_\_ steal. It's wrong.
- d. Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ tidy my room. It was a big mess.
- e. That's a great poster. You \_\_\_\_\_ hang it on the wall.
- f. It's early. The shops \_\_\_\_\_ be open yet.
- g. I am very busy today. I \_\_\_\_\_ have time to see you.

4. Choose the correct answer:

- a. **Would** / **May** I have some more lemonade, please?
- b. **Could** / **May** you tell me how to get to the police station, please?
- c. **Would** / **May** I visit my friend this afternoon?
- d. **Would** / **May** you like to go to the party with me?

5. Choose the correct answer:

- a. **Would / May / Must** you help me to clean up the garden, please?
- b. The test is going to be difficult. The students **might / will have to / don't have to** study hard for it.
- c. You **aren't able to / mustn't / don't have to** cross the road when there is a red light.
- d. You **must / may / might** always listen to the lifeguard.
- e. When Lisa was younger she **will be able to / was able to / have to** run 10 km.
- f. Benjamin's hair is so long. I think he **would / should / have to** cut it.
- g. The children **might not / shouldn't / wouldn't** watch so much television.