

## MODALS - EXERCISES

1) Complete the sentences with appropriate modal verbs.

1. They're having a baby. They \_\_\_\_\_ have to buy a bigger house.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to get up early?
3. I'm sorry I \_\_\_\_\_ help you with your homework.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ we go out tonight?
5. I think we \_\_\_\_\_ do something to stop pollution.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I borrow this book?
7. Why don't you apply for that job? You \_\_\_\_\_ get it.
8. My wife is waiting for me. I \_\_\_\_\_ not be late.

2) Write a second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets.

1. Perhaps Mary is doing overtime. (may)  
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2. I managed to go to university. (able)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. It is possible that Anne did not see the message. (might)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. It's forbidden to smoke here. (mustn't)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. It's impossible for you to see it at this distance. (can't)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. She was able to play the piano when she was only four. (could)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. I advise you to study more in order to pass the exam. (should)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. They should think very well before acting. (ought)  
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3) Complete the conversation between Sarah and her mother.

Mary: Mum, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ I go to the cinema with John?  
Mum: No, you (2) \_\_\_\_\_. You (3) \_\_\_\_\_ study for tomorrow's test. You  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ have better marks.  
Mary: But, mum, you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ at least let me rent a movie to see later on  
with John?  
Mum: OK, you (6) \_\_\_\_\_ do that. But you (7) \_\_\_\_\_ start studying  
right now. You (8) \_\_\_\_\_ improve your marks.  
Mary: I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ like to, but I don't know if I (10) \_\_\_\_\_.