



# Modal verbs



## 1) Choose the modal that best completes the sentence.

- a) He .....law; he hasn't decided yet.
- b) You .....spend so much money on clothes.
- c) .....you please put out your cigarette?
- d) She .....the bus to work yesterday because her car broke down.
- e) Sally.....be asleep; all the lights in her house are on.
- f) I'm not sure why Jane is not at work today; she.....be ill.
- g) She looked everywhere for her glasses but she .....find them.
- h) He passed his exam. He .....be pleased.



## 2) Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- a. It was wrong of them to take the car without asking for permission first. shouldn't

They ..... the car without asking for permission first.

- b. I'm sure that Mary forgot to call her parents. have

Mary .....to call her parents.

- c. He didn't have to come so early; nobody is here yet. needn't

He .....so early; nobody is here yet.

- d. It's a pity that they didn't think of that sooner. ought

They .....that sooner.

- e. I don't believe that Robert stole your mobile phone. can't

Robert .....your mobile phone.

- f. Perhaps they are working outside in the garden. be

They .....in the garden.

- g. It wasn't necessary for them to look for the keys. I have already found them. needn't

They .....the keys. I have already found them.

