

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.