

Modals

A Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Helen **is able to** / **are able to** fix her bike by herself.
- 2 The children **was able to** / **were able to** play outside after it stopped raining.
- 3 **Are / Is** Tracy able to run 10 kilometres?
- 4 Tammy and Rita **weren't able to** / **wasn't able to** buy tickets for the concert.
- 5 You **will be able to** / **was able to** swim here in the summer.
- 6 **Were / Was** you able to get to the show on time?
- 7 I haven't got any money, so I **am not able to** / **aren't able to** go shopping.
- 8 I **are able to** / **will be able to** help you this afternoon.
- 9 Sandra **was able to** / **will be able to** meet her friend at the airport yesterday.

B Circle the correct answers.

- 1 It was raining yesterday, so we **mustn't** / **couldn't** go on a picnic.
- 2 Should we go to the concert in the park? It **may** / **must** be a waste of time.
- 3 When I was three, I **mustn't** / **didn't need to** do homework.
- 4 Drivers **should** / **must** stop at a red light.
- 5 The children **don't have to** / **can't** buy tickets. They can get in for free.
- 6 Don't go out now. It **has to** / **might** rain.
- 7 I **won't be able to** / **can't** meet you tonight.
- 8 He has got back problems. He **don't have to** / **shouldn't** carry heavy things.

C Complete the sentences with the modals below.

might ~~can~~ can't could couldn't didn't have to needs to should shouldn't be able to

- 1 Mindy can jump very high and always wins competitions.
- 2 Ellen _____ eat so much chocolate. It isn't healthy.
- 3 I want to phone Rachel, but I _____ remember her number.
- 4 The loudspeakers weren't working, so we _____ hear the speaker.
- 5 You look tired. You _____ go to sleep.
- 6 I haven't got any plans for the summer yet, but I _____ go to the beach.
- 7 I was happy that Ron _____ come to the party yesterday.
- 8 Luckily, I _____ wait long for the bus yesterday.
- 9 Will you _____ help me this evening?
- 10 Michael can't come over because he _____ look after his younger brother.

Modals – Answers

- A**
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|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | is able to | 6 | Were |
| 2 | were able to | 7 | am not able to |
| 3 | Is | 8 | will be able to |
| 4 | weren't able to | 9 | was able to |
| 5 | will be able to | | |
- B**
- | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|------------------|
| 1 | couldn't | 5 | don't have to |
| 2 | may | 6 | might |
| 3 | didn't need to | 7 | won't be able to |
| 4 | must | 8 | shouldn't |
- C**
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|---|-----------|----|----------------|
| 1 | can | 6 | might |
| 2 | shouldn't | 7 | could |
| 3 | can't | 8 | didn't have to |
| 4 | couldn't | 9 | be able to |
| 5 | should | 10 | needs to |