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UNIT 11: MODALS

Read the theory and solve the activities.

Can, Could, Be able to.

1 Complete the following sentences by using **can('t), could(n't)** or the correct form of **be able to**. Some sentences can be completed in more than one way.

1 Fortunately, we *were able to* reach the airport in time for our flight.
2 They ..... find a solution to the problem yet.
3 ..... I have some more chocolate, please?
4 Although I tried hard, I ..... beat the club champion.
5 She ..... type as well as anyone I know.
6 I'd like ..... choose my own working hours.
7 ..... you hear the teacher clearly from the back of the room?
8 Both his sisters ..... play a reasonably good game of chess at the age of five.
9 We ..... see most of the city from the top of the hill.
10 Yes, you ..... borrow my dress at the weekend.
11 He ..... persuade his parents to let him go on holiday with his friends.
12 Sally ..... come to lunch tomorrow; she's working.

Can't & Must

5 Study the examples and then rewrite the sentences.

I am sure he isn't at home now. — He *can't be at home now*.
I am sure he isn't working now. — He *can't be working now*.

1 I am sure Susan isn't at work now. She left the office an hour ago.
Susan .....
3 I am sure my mother isn't cooking again. I saw her cooking at noon.
My mother .....
4 I am sure Mary doesn't study for three hours a day. She isn't a good student.
Mary .....
5 I am sure that your son isn't doing his homework in his room. I saw him in the garden.
Your son .....
6 I am sure she doesn't spend much money. She is poor.
She .....

6 Study the examples and rewrite the sentences.

I am sure she is at home now. — She *must be at home now.*
I am sure she works very hard. — She *must work very hard.*
I think she is doing her homework now. — She *must be doing her homework now.*

1 I am sure she is at the office now. I just spoke to her on the phone.
She .....
2 I think my mother is on her way home. She isn't answering the phone at work.
My mother .....

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3 I am sure Wendy is in Rome now. She got on the plane hours ago.
Wendy .....

4 I think my teacher exercises everyday. He's very fit.
My teacher .....

5 I am sure my sister is talking on the phone now. The line is busy.
My sister .....

7 Complete the sentences with **must** or **can't**.

1 The line is busy. That ..... *must* ..... be Jane. She's always talking on the phone.
2 That ..... be Mary over there. She went to Paris on Monday.
3 She looks very young. She ..... be over thirty.
4 He has three expensive cars. He ..... be a rich man.
5 That ..... be Sue; if it is, she has changed a lot.

8 Rewrite the sentences using **can't have**.

1 I am sure she didn't know the answer.
She *can't have known the answer.*

2 I am sure we didn't leave the car keys at home.
We .....

3 I am sure she didn't come home early last night.
She .....

4 I am sure this man didn't steal my wallet.
This man .....

5 I am sure he wasn't lying to you about last night.
He .....

6 I am sure they weren't happy in that house.
They .....

7 I am sure she hasn't been sleeping well lately.
She .....

8 I am sure you didn't see Helen at the cinema yesterday.
You .....

9 Rewrite the sentences using **must have**.

1 I am sure she arrived late for the interview.
She *must have arrived late for the interview.*

2 I am sure she has told him everything.
She .....

3 I am sure she was eating when I called.
She .....

4 I am sure she had invited him before I told her to.
She .....

5 I am sure she got up late this morning.
She .....

6 I am certain my sister was talking on the phone all morning.
My sister .....

7 I am sure she was feeling tired; that's why she went home.
She .....

8 I am sure James forgot to invite Alice to the party.
James .....

9 I am sure he had studied a lot before the exam.
He .....

10 I am sure they were on holiday because the house looked empty.
They .....

11 I am sure our neighbour called the police.
Our neighbour .....

12 I am sure you left your bag on the bus.
You .....

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10 Use **must have** or **can't have** with the past participle of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences.

1 'Did they go to the cinema yesterday?'
'They ..... *must have gone* ..... (go) because there was no one at home when I called.'
2 Kate is exhausted. She ..... (work) hard in the garden today.
3 Susan's telephone was out of order yesterday. She ..... (phone) you.
4 She hadn't seen him before, so she ..... (recognise) him.
5 I called her twice but she didn't answer the phone. She ..... (sleep).
6 'John translated the letter for me.'
'He doesn't speak French, so he ..... (translate) it.'
7 Emma has been at home all day. You ..... (see) her at the restaurant.
8 She asked me for money again. She ..... (spend) all the money I gave her.
9 He ..... (work) for more than ten hours yesterday. That's why he is so tired today.
10 It only takes two hours to fly from London to Rome. She ..... (fly) for four hours.

May / Might , May have / Might have

11 Study the examples and rewrite the sentences.

Perhaps she is at home now.	She ..... *may/might be at home now* ..... .
Perhaps she works a lot.	She ..... *may/might work a lot* ..... .
It is possible that she is working now.	She ..... *may/might be working now* ..... .

1 It is possible that she is coming home, but I am not sure.
She .....
2 Perhaps she is much older than she says.
She .....
3 Perhaps he is studying in his room.
He .....
4 It is possible that he will pass his exams.
He .....
5 It is possible that the Browns are moving house, but I am not sure.
The Browns .....

12 Rewrite the sentences using **may/might have or may/might not have.**

1 Perhaps she hasn't arrived yet.
She ..... *may/might not have arrived yet.* .....
2 Perhaps my sister took my pen without asking.
My sister .....
3 Perhaps my parents have gone out.
My parents .....
4 I think they were sleeping when I came in, but I am not sure.
They .....
5 Perhaps John was listening to music.
John .....
6 Perhaps there were a lot of people at the theatre.
There .....
7 Perhaps the robbers left fingerprints all over the house.
The robbers .....
8 Perhaps she wasn't listening and that's why she didn't answer.
She .....
9 Perhaps our son didn't know anything about it.
Our son .....
10 Perhaps you haven't heard about the bank robbery.
You .....



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