

EXERCISE

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MODALS

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

1 It was so quiet that we _____ hear a pin drop.
(1) could (3) should
(2) can (4) may (1)

2 The injured bird tried to fly but it _____.
(1) cannot (3) can
(2) could not (4) could ()

3 You _____ wear your spectacles when you are in class. You must not squint when you look at the board.
(1) ought (3) cannot
(2) should not (4) should ()

4 Many pandas are dying because they _____ find enough bamboo shoots to eat.
(1) may (3) should not
(2) can (4) cannot ()

5 You _____ go to the book fair tomorrow unless you finish your work today.
(1) may not (3) would
(2) may (4) should ()

6 Peter told me that he _____ be going to the cinema.
(1) could not (3) would not
(2) cannot (4) may not ()

7 _____ I help you to water the plants?
(1) Cannot (3) Could not
(2) Should not (4) May ()

8 You _____ travel overseas if you do not have a passport. The customs officer will definitely stop you.
(1) can (3) may
(2) cannot (4) should ()

9 _____ you like to have some coffee?
(1) Can (3) Could
(2) May (4) Would ()

10 You _____ rest because you are sick.
(1) should (3) may not
(2) should not (4) ought ()