Lesson 6 MODAL VERBS

Let's Learn!

Động từ khuyết thiếu:
can, could, may, might, will, shall, would, must, have to, need, should, ought to, had better, used to.

Cấu trúc chung

S + modal verbs + V *(bare infinitive)*

Types of Modal verbs

Ability



Can - Can't

- Khả năng, năng lực có thể làm gì ở hiện tại.

Could - Couldn't

- Khả năng, năng lực có thể làm gì trong quá khứ.

E.g. My sister can play the guitar.
I can't speak Chinese.
He could swim at the age of five.
I couldn't talk when I was two.

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Possibility

May = Might

May not = Might not

Khả năng có thể xảy ra ở hiện tại, tương lai nhưng không chắc.

E.g. Linda may / might be at home now.

Permission

Asking for permission (xin phép)

Can / Could / May + I + V?

Giving permission (cho phép)

S + can / may + V



E.g. Can / Could / May I use your pen?
You can / may drink a cup of tea if you want.

Request, offer & invitation

Request (yêu cầu)

Could / Would + you + V?
Can / Will + you + V?
Would you mind + V-ing?

Offers & Invitations (đề nghị làm gì cho ai, lời mời)

Can / Shall + I + V?
I can / could / will + V
Would you like + N / to V?



E.g. Can you help me with my homework?
Can I help you?
Would you like to have a cup of tea?

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Advice

Should - Shouldn't
Ought to - Ought not to
Had better - Had better not

- Hỏi xin và đưa ra lời khuyên



E.g. You should drink more water.
Should we go out tonight?
He ought not to eat too much chocolate.

Obligation

MUST - phải làm gì

- Người nói thấy bản thân, ai phải làm gì. (quan điểm cá nhân - tác nhân bên trong)

HAVE TO - phải làm gì

- Quy định, luật lệ, tình hình thực tế, sự thật. (tác nhân bên ngoài)
  Hiện tại: have to - has to
  Tương lai: will have to
  Quá khứ: had to

E.g. I must study harder for the final exam.
I have to wear a uniform when going to school.
I had to work long hours when I worked for that company.



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Exercise 1. Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verbs. The use of the modal in each sentence is given in brackets to help you choose the right one.

Điền vào chỗ trống động từ khuyết thiếu phù hợp dựa vào cách dùng trong ngoặc.

1. You're putting on weight. You ..... eat so much fast food. [advice]
2. You ..... eat in the classroom. It's against the school rules. [prohibition]
3. ..... you mind closing the window, please? [request]
4. You ..... use this computer if you need to finish your report. [permission]
5. Students ..... finish their exercises before going to school. [obligation]
6. I ..... you to help me with the cooking. [necessity]
7. Tony doesn't go to work today. He ..... be ill, but I am not sure. [possibility]
8. Susan is so clever that she ..... answer all of these questions in five minutes. [ability]
9. ..... I carry this bag for you? It looks so heavy. [offer]
10. I hope it ..... rain tomorrow. I'm going camping with my friends. [possibility]

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Exercise 2. Complete the sentences with a suitable modal verb from the box.

Hoàn thành câu sử dụng một động từ khuyết thiếu trong hộp.

can (x2)	may	must	shouldn't	need
could	may	mustn't	ought to	don't have to

1. You ..... spend so many hours in front of the computer.
2. I ..... read when I was four years old.
3. We ..... water the flowers because it is raining.
4. You ..... drive on the right in England.
5. ..... I go out with my friend, Mom?
6. I'm free on Tuesday. I ..... take you to the zoo.
7. She ..... find a better job if she ..... speak English.
8. I ..... be careful while driving. It is foggy.
9. I ..... to buy some flour to make a birthday cake for my dad.
10. 'I have a toothache'. 'You ..... go to the dentist'.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with a suitable modal verb from the box.

Hoàn thành câu sử dụng một động từ khuyết thiếu trong hộp.

may	could	can't	ought not to	mustn't
shall	needn't	can	would	have to

1. I _____ lend you my course book because I'm using it now.
2. _____ you like a piece of chocolate cake?
3. It _____ rain. Don't forget your umbrella.
4. Students _____ use their mobile phones in class.

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5 John _____ play the piano when he was a kid because his mother is a famous pianist.

6 I think you _____ go to bed so late. It's bad for your health.

7 You look tired. _____ I drive you home now?

8 You _____ put on your jacket. It's quite hot outside.

9 All employees _____ wear protective clothing when working. It's the rule of my factory.

10 I've been learning English for 10 years, so I _____ speak English now.

Exercise 4. Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verbs. You can fill in more than one option.

Điền vào chỗ trống động từ khuyết thiếu phù hợp. Có thể điền nhiều hơn một đáp án.

should	could	must	may
have to	need	will	can

1 My sister (.....) speak five languages.

2 When I was five, I (.....) (not) ride a bike.

3 (.....) you help me with these bags, please?

4 Tom (.....) study hard if he wants to pass the exam.

5 (.....) I borrow your ruler, please?

6 We (.....) (not) bring pets inside this hotel.

7 Look at the black clouds in the sky. It (.....) rain soon.

8 You (.....) eat more fruit and vegetables.

9 I (.....) (not) do the washing up because I have bought a dishwasher.

10 We (.....) get up early to go to work every day except Sunday.

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Exercise 5. Fill in the blanks with suitable modal verbs. You can fill in more than one option and use negative form if necessary.

Điền vào chỗ trống động từ khuyết thiếu phù hợp. Có thể điền nhiều hơn một đáp án và sử dụng dạng phủ định nếu cần.

could	have to	may	would
can	need	must	had better

1. _____ I speak to Jane, please? I want to tell her about my birthday party.
2. Tony _____ spend more time studying this semester if he wants to get a scholarship.
3. _____ you help me fix this laptop?
4. You _____ make noise in the library.
5. Jane _____ work on Sunday, so she usually gets up late.
6. Lucy _____ help you if you ask her, but I am not sure.
7. I have bought a lot of snacks, so you _____ buy anything.
8. I _____ speak to Paul because he didn't come to the office today.
9. _____ you like some more coffee?
10. My kids _____ go to school from Monday to Friday.

Exercise 6. Underline the correct answer.

Gạch chân đáp án đúng.

1. You [mustn't] [don't have to] smoke here. It's forbidden.
2. You [can] [should] brush your teeth at least twice a day.
3. The ice is too thin to skate on. It [might] [can] break suddenly.

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4 We [can't] [don't have to] go to school today because it's a national holiday.

5 If you continue driving carelessly like this, you [may] [ought to] have an accident in the future!

6 My youngest sister [mustn't] [can't] speak because she's only one year old.

7 I know you're busy, but [can] [may] you help me with the housework?

8 We [must] [should] do homework every day.

9 My mother said that I [ought not to] [had not better] waste my time playing computer games.

10 My father [can] [could] run fast when he was young.

Exercise 7. Underline the correct answer.

Gạch chân đáp án đúng.

1 We don't have to | can't take a taxi to go to Ann's house. Her house is near here. It will take us only ten minutes to get there on foot.

2 You may | should take your umbrella. It looks as if it's going to rain soon.

3 Jane has just lost her purse so she can't | mustn't buy a ticket for the concert.

4 I must | might leave now. The flight takes off in 2 hours.

5 Can | Shall you help me, please? My bike is broken.

6 You shouldn't | mustn't enter the museum without buying tickets. It's the rule!

7 Should | Can i buy that blue sweater? It's nice but quite expensive.

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8 Henry may | can come to the party, but he isn't sure.

9 You mustn't | needn't wear formal clothes tonight; we're having a warm party.

10 Susan has to | must obey the traffic rules if she rides her motorbike.

Exercise 8. Underline the correct answer.

Gạch chân đáp án đúng.

1 If you want to understand the lesson, you [must | can | may] pay more attention in class.

2 I think you [can | have to | ought to] do morning exercises every day to keep fit.

3 My brother [can | could | might] run very fast, he runs faster than me.

4 Students [shouldn't | mustn't | may not] talk to each other during class.

5 I [must | might | can] save money for my English course next year.

6 If you feel tired, you [should | have to | might] take a rest now.

7 I [can't | couldn't | shouldn't] speak English until I moved to London.

8 [Would | Will | Shall] you like to have a picnic with me this weekend?

9 You [can | had better | may] take this pill, then you'll feel better.

10 [Can | Will | Would] you mind driving me to the train station?

Exercise 9. Choose the correct answer.

Chọn đáp án đúng.

1 She has to | might go home because she has too much exercise.

2 This river is so deep that you needn't | mustn't play near it.

3 Tom has gone to bed already because he ought to | has to go to work early tomorrow.

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4 May | Shall I try on this dress?

5 We have run out of food, so we need | can go to the market this afternoon.

6 I must | may travel to Tokyo next summer, but I'm not sure.

7 The train leaves in 10 minutes. We should | must hurry up.

8 Would | Will you mind turning down the radio, please? I'm reading a book.

9 I will | may bring you some cookies if you want.

10 Everyone doesn't have to | mustn't smoke at the airport.

11 Sarah ought to | has to get her father's permission if she wants to go out.

12 I needn't | mustn't clean the floor because my mother has done it.

13 All the employees in this company can | have to work overtime every day.

14 "I have a terrible headache." – "You should | might take a rest."

15 Mary can't | couldn't walk because she has a broken leg.

Exercise 10. Choose the correct answer.

Chọn đáp án đúng.

1 I mustn't / can't / shouldn't go into the room because I have lost the key.

2 Shall / May / Would you like to have a drink after work?

3 John can't / might not / couldn't ride a bike two months ago, but he can / could / may now.

4 You ought to / have to / need to fasten your seatbelt on the airplane.

5 We had better / can / may leave now or we will miss the bus.

6 Can / May / Shall you instruct me how to use this application?

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7 You had better not / don't have to / mustn't play with matches or knives. It's dangerous.

8 I shouldn't / may not / can't go to next Friday's concert because I haven't got enough money for the ticket.

9 You must / might / need wake up now, otherwise you will be late for school.

10 Keep trying! Your dream must / may / can come true in the future.

11 You could / need to / might finish your homework today if you want to watch TV.

12 Would / May / Shall I make some tea for you?

13 The farmer should / can / must work hard to have a good harvest.

14 You mustn't / needn't / can't take a bus. I will drive you there.

15 "Can / Will / Need you drive a car?"
- "No, I'm afraid I couldn't / can't / needn't."

Exercise 11. Choose the correct answer.

Chọn đáp án đúng.

1 _____ I use your mobile phone, Dad?

A. Can B. Must C. Should D. Shall

2 He _____ smoke so much or he'll suffer from lung cancer.

A. mustn't B. ought not to
C. don't have to D. can't

3 _____ your brother play football well now? - Yes, he _____.

A. Can – could B. May – can
C. Can – can D. Will – can

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4 With a temperature like that, you _____ be in bed. You _____ play outside.

A. should – shouldn't B. must – can't
C. need – can't D. have to – may not

5 Oh dear! It's half past nine. We _____ be late for the meeting. Hurry up!

A. must B. may C. should D. need

6 I'm afraid I _____ have lunch with you today because I'm working until 1 p.m.

A. may not B. shouldn't C. can't D. won't

7 You _____ borrow my calculator if you need.

A. should B. must C. need D. may

8 You _____ step on the grass here. It is forbidden.

A. can't B. shouldn't C. mustn't D. don't have to

9 _____ you give me a lift to the bus station, David?

A. Might B. Can C. Shall D. Would

10 The sky is quite bright. It _____ rain today.

A. might not B. mustn't C. shouldn't D. needn't

11 This bag is too heavy for you. _____ I help you?

A. Shall B. Should C. Might D. Need

12 You _____ to bring anything; we've bought everything for dinner.

A. may not B. needn't C. shouldn't D. mustn't

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13 Our daughter _____ walk when she was nine months old.
A. can B. may C. could D. had to

14 You _____ send this letter now. You can do it later.
A. mustn't B. can't
C. might not D. don't have to

15 I don't know where your gloves are. They _____ be in the kitchen.
A. must B. might C. should D. need

Exercise 12. Choose the correct answer.

Chọn đáp án đúng.

1 Students in this school _____ wear uniforms on Fridays.
A. mustn't B. don't have to C. shouldn't D. may not

2 _____ I ask you a question?
A. May B. Should C. Need D. Would

3 I _____ buy a gift for my mom because today is her birthday.
A. can B. have to C. need to D. may

4 _____ you bring me a cup of coffee, please?
A. Should B. May C. Need D. Could

5 Susan _____ come tomorrow. She is busy with her work now.
A. may not B. mustn't
C. doesn't have to D. couldn't

6 _____ I translate this document for you, sir?
A. May B. Shall C. Would D. Will

7 You _____ turn off all the lights before leaving the room.
A. may B. might C. must D. can

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8 It's still early, so we _____ run.

A. needn't B. can't C. mustn't D. couldn't

9 You _____ be hungry after studying, so you _____ bring some sandwiches.

A. can - can B. might - should

C. must - should D. should - have to

10 _____ you help me with my homework?

A. Shall B. Should C. May D. Will

11 You _____ cross the road when the red light is on.

A. shouldn't B. don't have to

C. mustn't D. might not

12 Sorry, I _____ lend you my pen because I am using it now.

A. wont B. mustn't C. can't D. needn't

13 _____ you mind fixing this bike for me?

A. Would B. May C. Can D. Will

14 You _____ drink less soft drink.

A. have to B. may C. can D. had better

15 You _____ go on a diet if you want to lose weight.

A. might B. must C. have better D. could

Exercise 13. Choose the correct answer.

Chọn đáp án đúng.

1 ..... you sing or dance?

A. Can B. Must C. Will D. Shall

2 You ..... enter the building without a visit card.

A. mustn't B. should C. may D. can't

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3 Cigarettes ..... seriously damage your health.

A. must B. will C. can D. need

4 ..... you post this letter for me?

A. Shall B. May C. Should D. Will

5 ..... I turn on the air conditioner?

A. May B. Shall C. Will D. Must

6 We ..... leave now or we will be stuck in a traffic jam.

A. must B. has to C. might D. can

7 You ..... bring a map in case you may get lost in the city centre.

A. must B. should C. may D. could

8 ..... you pass me the newspaper over there, please?

A. May B. Could C. Need D. Might

9 Take an umbrella with you. It ..... rain later.

A. need B. can C. must D. might

10 My younger sister ..... ride a bike when she was four years old.

A. could B. can C. may D. ought to

11 If you don't feel better, you ..... go to the doctor.

A. can B. may C. should D. would

12 You ..... go alone at night. It's very dangerous.

A. don't have to B. might not

C. needn't D. mustn't

13 We ..... play football today because it is raining.

A. couldn't B. may not C. can't D. needn't

14 Good morning, Madam, what ..... I do for you?

A. shall B. would C. must D. may

15 Everyone ..... recycle things to protect the environment.

A. has better B. had better C. can D. mustn't

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