Grammar training

Modal Verbs



Complete the sentences with the correct modal verb.

1. They (*can't, must, ought to*) have left already; their car is still parked outside.
2. Agnes (*should, can't, must*) have registered for the marathon; her name is already on the list.
3. You (*might, ought to, can't*) be kinder to yourself today; you've already done enough.
4. They (*could, can't, shouldn't*) be struggling with something we can't see, so let's show a little patience.
5. You (*should, needn't, might*) have told her about the meeting earlier; now she's unprepared.
6. He (*might, can't, needn't*) be studying for the test right now; his books are open on the table.
7. You (*ought to, needn't, can't*) have bought more food; there's plenty in the fridge already.
8. We (*shouldn't, can't, ought to*) be considering other options for our vacation; the flights are way too expensive.
9. You (*might, can't, ought to*) be helping your parents with the chores instead of sitting around.
10. She (*needn't, shouldn't, must*) be talking so loudly on the phone; it's distracting everyone in the room.
11. You (*needn't, might, should*) have spent so much on the gift; something simpler would've been fine.
12. They (*can't, ought, must*) have gone out for lunch; there's no one in the office.
13. Eleanor (*might, can't, ought to*) be designing her website now; I heard her talking about it this morning.
14. I (*might, must, shouldn't*) be preparing for tomorrow's meeting; there's still so much to do.
15. Clara (*should, can't, needn't*) have joined this online course; she already knows most of the material. What a waste of time and money!
16. I (*should, must, might*) have called the plumber earlier; now the leak is worse.
17. You (*can't, ought to, might*) be checking your emails more regularly; you keep missing important updates.
18. I (*must, might, sh*ouldn't) be exercising more often; my doctor mentioned I need to improve my fitness.
19. We (*shouldn't, might, can't*) be working overtime next week; the project still has a lot of loose ends.
20. You (*ought to, can't, must*) be waiting for the perfect moment; it doesn't exist. Just start.

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