

**Modal Verbs Practice: Ability, Permission, and Advice**

Total questions: 21

Worksheet time: 11mins

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Class

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1. I have a terrible headache. I \_\_\_\_ take some pain relief. (Advice)

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| a) may      | b) can    |
| c) couldn't | d) should |

2. My grandfather is 90 years old, but he \_\_\_\_ still read without glasses. (Present Ability)

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| a) might    | b) should |
| c) ought to | d) can    |

3. \_\_\_\_ I sit here, or is this seat taken? (Permission - Polite Request)

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| a) Must  | b) Should   |
| c) Could | d) Ought to |

4. When she was a teenager, she \_\_\_\_ play the piano exceptionally well. (Past Ability)

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| a) should | b) could |
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5. You (a) \_\_\_\_\_ leave your bags unattended in the airport. It's against the rules. (Prohibition/Strong Advice)

Choose from the below words

6. The professor said we (a) \_\_\_\_\_ use our phones during the lecture. (Permission - Negative)

Choose from the below words

7. If you want to pass the exam, you (a) \_\_\_\_\_ study harder. (Advice)

Choose from the below words

8. I tried calling him yesterday, but the line was busy. I (a) \_\_\_\_\_ get through. (Past Ability - Negative)

Choose from the below words

Get

Couldn't

Was Able To

Managed To

9. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ I borrow your laptop for an hour? Mine broke down this morning. (Permission)

a) Might

b) Could

c) Should

d) Ought to

10. Hmm, I'm using it now, but you \_\_\_\_\_ use it later tonight. I'm busy until 8 p.m. (Permission/Possibility)

a) ought to

b) should

c) may

d) could

11. Okay, that works. But I \_\_\_\_\_ finish this report today. (Advice/Obligation)

a) might

b) ought to

c) may

d) can

12. I have a terrible sore throat. What \_\_\_\_\_ I do? (Advice)

a) might

b) should

c) may

d) can

13. D: You \_\_\_\_\_ not drink cold water. You \_\_\_\_\_ to drink hot tea with honey.  
(Advice - Negative and Positive)

a) should, ought

b) could, might

c) may, can

d) can, may

14. When I was younger, I \_\_\_\_\_ stay underwater for over a minute! (Past Ability)

a) should

b) may

c) can

d) could

15. Wow, that's impressive! I \_\_\_\_\_ barely hold my breath for 30 seconds now.  
(Present Ability - Negative)

a) can't

b) shouldn't

c) mightn't

d) oughtn't

16. **SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:**

"You **shouldn't to eat** so much junk food if you want to be healthy."?

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| a) You shouldn't eats so much junk food if you want to be healthy. | b) You shouldn't to eating so much junk food if you want to be healthy. |
| c) You shouldn't eat so much junk food if you want to be healthy.  | d) You shouldn't eating so much junk food if you want to be healthy.    |

17. **SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:**

"I **can finished** all my work early today because I started early."?

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| a) I can finishes all my work early today because I started early.  | b) I can to finish all my work early today because I started early. |
| c) I can finishing all my work early today because I started early. | d) I can finish all my work early today because I started early.    |

18. **SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:**

"The sign says that students **may not to park** in the staff lot."?

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| a) The sign says that students may not to parking in the staff lot. | b) The sign says that students may to not park in the staff lot. |
| c) The sign says that students may not park in the staff lot.       | d) The sign says that students may not parking in the staff lot. |

19. **SỬA LẠI CÂU SAU:**

"She **ought taking** a taxi because it's raining heavily outside."?

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| a) She ought to take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside. | b) She ought take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside.      |
| c) She oughts take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside.   | d) She oughted to take a taxi because it's raining heavily outside. |

20. Which of the following is the correct way to ask for help with moving a sofa next weekend using a modal verb?

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| a) Could you helps me move this sofa next weekend? | b) Could you help me move this sofa next weekend?  |
| c) Can you helped me move this sofa next weekend?  | d) Could you help me moved this sofa next weekend? |

21. Rewrite the sentence by replacing 'Could' with the correct modal verb for advice: \_\_\_\_\_ you please help me with my homework?

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| a) Might | b) Will   |
| c) Must  | d) Should |