

Test units 1-2

Modal verbs: *Might, could, may and can*

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 I've sent everyone a reminder about the party next week because some people *can/could* have forgotten.
- 2 Try this cake – you *may/can* like it.
- 3 This car *can/might* reach speeds of 300km an hour, although it's not possible to go that fast on the road!
- 4 I didn't know why you weren't speaking to me. I thought I *can/may* have done something wrong.
- 5 Our football coach *can/may* be really strict sometimes, although he always gets the best out of us.
- 6 I *could/might* not be the best cook in the world, but I know how to make a few nice dishes.
- 7 You *can't/might not* use your phone in here – please switch it off.
- 8 I wasn't expecting a conversation, but you *could/may* at least have said 'hello' to me when I arrived!
- 9 *Can/May* you try opening the window for me, please? It seems to be stuck.
- 10 I'm only halfway through my work, so I *might/could* not finish it before tomorrow morning.

Adverbs of degree

2 Complete the sentences with the correct answers (A, B, C or D).

- 1 My brother is a _____ qualified swimming instructor.
A fully B wholly C totally D completely
- 2 You can't speak like that to me. It's _____ unacceptable.
A fairly B extremely C bitterly D wholly
- 3 I _____ regret not training properly for the competition. I could have won.
A bitterly B fiercely C highly D entirely
- 4 I didn't go to the beach at the weekend like I usually do. I went somewhere different.

A fully **B** entirely **C** perfectly **D** bitterly

5 I don't need help carrying these bags. I'm _____ capable of doing it myself, thanks.

A extremely **B** fiercely **C** too **D** perfectly

6 Leo is only eight years old, but it's already clear that he's _____ gifted when it comes to playing the piano.

A highly **B** utterly **C** totally **D** completely

7 I thought my test results were _____ good, although I could have done better.

A quite **B** utterly **C** completely **D** absolutely

8 I'm _____ ambitious when it comes to sports – I always want to win, no matter what.

A entirely **B** perfectly **C** fiercely **D** absolutely

9 We're _____ exhausted after driving for nine hours.

A totally **B** very **C** too **D** fully

10 It can be _____ tiring to smile and be polite to people all day long.

A highly **B** wholly **C** completely **D** very

Talking about the past

3 Complete each gap with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 I _____ (never/use/like) coffee, but I drink a lot of it now.

2 It's been a long time since my brother and I _____ (see) each other.

3 I liked the town I lived in. I used to go cycling a lot by the river if I (have) time.

4 I _____ (hear) a lot about Sam before I actually met him, so it felt like I already knew him.

5 I'd rather you _____ (not/call) me after 10 o'clock at night, if you don't mind.

6 We _____ (stay) in a tent, but we moved into a hotel when it started raining.

- 7 Andy _____ (*not speak*) to me at all since I arrived. Is anything wrong?
- 8 _____ (*eat*) a big lunch, I won't have anything else today.
- 9 Tomorrow will be the second time that I _____ (*watch*) the new *Star Wars*® film.
- 10 Max _____ (*work*) a lot recently, which is why he's so tired and irritable.

Nouns in formal English

4 Rewrite the sentences in a more formal style.

- 1 It's difficult for me to focus on work when I'm listening to music. When listening to music, I tend to lose _____ on my work.
- 2 I was really embarrassed when my friends posted all those photos of me online. When my friends posted my photos online, it caused me _____.
- 3 I was so disappointed when I got my exam results. Seeing my exam results gave me a sense of _____.
- 4 Why don't you try being a bit more responsible? You ought to take more _____ for your actions.
- 5 That customer wasn't very satisfied, was she? The customer expressed her _____.
- 6 Kids tend to want to be a bit more independent when they get to the age of eight. When reaching the age of eight, children often express the desire to have more _____.
- 7 Hannah's really been improving at tennis recently, hasn't she? There has been a recent _____ in Hannah's tennis skills.
- 8 When you're in class, you should listen to the teacher. Please pay _____ to the teacher in class.
- 9 I have been working for this bank for five years. My period of _____ for this bank started five years ago.
- 10 I applied for the job two weeks ago, but I haven't heard anything about it yet. Despite my _____ for the job two weeks ago, I have yet to hear anything.

Nouns

5 Complete each gap with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 We are performing on stage tomorrow, but we are meeting tonight for one final (*rehearse*).
- 2 The _____ (*neighbour*) I live in is popular with families with young children.
- 3 It's important to eat a _____ (*vary*) of food to get as much nutrition as possible.
- 4 The children walked into the cinema after the film had started, much to our (*annoy*).
- 5 The writer's latest novel has been praised for its _____ (*origin*).
- 6 I had to go online to find an _____ (*explain*) of how this software works.
- 7 After three attempts, I managed to reach the top of the mountain – my (*persist*) finally paid off.
- 8 Due to a long period of hot, dry weather, there is a _____ (*short*) of water in the region.
- 9 It's important to encourage children to read for _____ (*please*) and develop a love of books.
- 10 There is a _____ (*vacant*) for the role of coach in our local football team.

Changes

6 Complete the sentences with the correct answers (A, B or C).

- 1 Sara is almost always late. I don't think she'll ever change her _____ .
A ways **B** side **C** tune
- 2 It didn't take me long to _____ to my new laptop, and now I much prefer it to my old one.
A vary **B** alter **C** adapt
- 3 It was around this time last year that I _____ jobs.
A adjusted **B** transformed **C** switched
- 4 The company has announced that it will be making _____ changes over the next five years to completely transform its business plans.
A economic **B** sudden **C** sweeping

- 5 When I started university, I was studying literature, but I _____ to journalism in my second year.
A switched **B** converted **C** varied
- 6 Maria wasn't interested in the party, but she soon _____ her tune when she realised who was going.
A shifted **B** changed **C** adjusted
- 7 Can we _____ seats, please? I can't see the screen from here.
A vary **B** transfer **C** change
- 8 We're thinking of converting this room _____ a bedroom. What do you think?
A into **B** as **C** for
- 9 I need to _____ the strap on this bag to make it shorter.
A adjust **B** switch **C** convert
- 10 It's really annoying when we're talking about something and you suddenly _____ the subject.
A modify **B** change **C** adjust