

Modals

Modals are helping verbs that show the speaker's attitude or purpose in a sentence. They are used before the main verb to express ability, permission, advice, obligation, possibility, request, or prohibition.

Common modals include can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will, and would.

Choose the letter of the best answer.

1. Before this year, I _____ move out of my parents' house because I did not have a job.
 - a. may not
 - b. cannot
 - c. should not
 - d. could not

2. But now that I have finished college and have a job, I realize that living at home ____ drive my parents and me crazy.
 - a. could
 - b. would
 - c. should
 - d. would have

3. Unfortunately, it's not so easy to find to find an apartment in the city. Without an agent, you ____ not be able to find all the available listings.
 - a. ought to
 - b. must
 - c. should
 - d. might

4. My father also offered to help me move. He _____ be really eager to have me move out!
 - a. must
 - b. will
 - c. can
 - d. could

5. If you plan to take a long trip in the car, you ___ get a full tank of gas, or you might run out of gas!
 - a. should
 - b. would
 - c. could
 - d. shall

Choose the letter of the best answer.

6. Which of the following sentences correctly uses a modal verb?

- a. She can speak three languages fluently.
- b. They walk to school every day.
- c. I'm going to the store tomorrow.
- d. We sing loudly in the choir.

7. You _____ report the incident to the authorities immediately.

- a. can
- b. might
- c. must
- d. could

8. He _____ swim across the lake when he was younger.

- a. can
- b. could
- c. shall
- d. must

9. Which modal verb would you use to express certainty?

- a. might
- b. may
- c. will
- d. can

10. Which sentence demonstrates a modal verb used to make a request?

- a. Could you help me with this?
- b. We shall overcome.
- c. I might attend the meeting.
- d. You must finish your homework.