Modal Verbs Practice Exercise

Instructions: Choose the correct option to complete each sentence based on the context of ability, permission, advice, obligation, or necessity.

1. I have a terrible headache. I think I _____ take an aspirin.

a) mustn't

b) should

c) have to

2. In most museums, you _____ touch the paintings. It's strictly forbidden.

a) don't have to

b) shouldn't

c) mustn't

3. It's my mother's birthday tomorrow. I _____ remember to call her.

a) must

b) can

c) shouldn't

4. He is a polyglot; he _____ speak five different languages fluently.

a) has to

b) can

c) should

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5. You _____ wash the dishes. I've already put them in the dishwasher.

a) mustn't

b) shouldn't

c) don't have to

6. To get a driver's license, you _____ pass a vision test. It's a law.

a) must

b) can

c) should

7. The baby is sleeping. You _____ make so much noise.

a) don't have to

b) shouldn't

c) can

8. Excuse me, _____ I use your phone for a moment? I lost mine.

a) must

b) have to

c) can

9. She _____ study harder if she wants to pass the Saber 11 exam.

a) should

b) can't

c) doesn't have to

10. In the UK, you _____ drive on the left side of the road.

a) can

b) must

c) not should

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11. I _____ swim very well, but my brother can do it.

a) can't

b) shouldn't

c) mustn't

12. It's a very formal party. You _____ wear jeans.

a) don't have to

b) shouldn't

c) can

13. Tomorrow is a holiday, so I _____ wake up early.

a) mustn't

b) shouldn't

c) don't have to

14. You _____ eat so many sweets; it's bad for your teeth.

a) shouldn't

b) mustn't

c) can't

15. Pilots _____ wear a uniform while they are working.

a) can

b) must

c) should

16. I _____ go to the party tonight because I have to work late.

a) can't

b) don't have to

c) shouldn't

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17. You _____ park here. There is a "No Parking" sign.

a) don't have to

b) mustn't

c) should

18. If you are feeling sick, you _____ stay in bed and rest.

a) have to

b) can

c) should

19. My brother _____ clean his room every Saturday; it's my parents' rule.

a) has to

b) can

c) must

20. You _____ buy a gift for me, but it would be very nice of you!

a) mustn't

b) don't have to

c) can't

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