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Modal Verbs Check: Expressing Meaning and Rules



Instructions: Read each question carefully. Choose or write the correct modal verb (**can, could, should, must, might, would**) based on the speaker's communicative intent (advice, obligation, possibility, permission, or polite request).

Section 1: Choosing the Right Intent

1. Friendly Advice: "I have an important job interview tomorrow, but I feel very nervous." "I think you _____ get a good night's sleep."

- A) must not B) should C) would to D) might not

2. Strict Workplace Rule: "All employees _____ wear their identification badges inside the building at all times."

- A) must B) could C) shouldn't D) may not

3. Possibility / Uncertainty: "Take a jacket with you to work. The sky is grey, so it _____ rain later today."

- A) can't B) must to C) might D) shouldn't

4. Polite Request: "Excuse me, _____ you please help me find the conference room?"

- A) Must B) Could C) Should to D) Can to

5. Strict Prohibition: "Confidential files: Staff members _____ share client passwords with anyone outside the team."

A) must not

B) don't

C) shouldn't to

D) could not to

Section 2: Structure and Sentence Formation

6. **Error Correction:** Find and correct the grammatical mistake in this sentence. Remember the rule for verbs after modals.

She can to speak three languages fluently.

Write the corrected sentence:

7. **Error Correction:** Find and correct the grammatical mistake in this sentence:

Mateo must submits the financial slides before five o'clock.

Write the corrected sentence:

8. **Negative Advice:** Complete the sentence with the negative form of **should** and the verb in parentheses.

"You have a severe cough and fever. You _____ (go) to work today."

9. **Polite Preference:** Complete the sentence using **would** and the base verb in parentheses.

In a meeting: "Good morning. I _____ (like) a cup of black coffee, please."

10. Sentence Unscramble: Put the words in the correct order to form a complete, grammatically correct rule:

passwords / employees / must not / confidential / share

Write the complete sentence:

Answers

1. B) should (Expresses personal advice or recommendation).
2. A) must (Expresses a strict obligation or official rule).
3. C) might (Expresses an uncertain outcome or possibility).
4. B) Could (Used for making a polite, respectful request).
5. A) must not (Expresses strict prohibition).
6. She can speak three languages fluently. (Remove "to": modal verbs take the bare infinitive).
7. Mateo must submit the financial slides before five o'clock. (Remove the "-s": the main verb stays in its base form).
8. shouldn't go / should not go
9. would like / 'd like
10. Employees must not share confidential passwords.