

Modal verbs

ABILITY

She **can** speak six languages.

They **will be able to** go to London next week.

PERMISSION

Can/May I go to the concert? Yes, you **can/may**.

Could I leave early tonight? No, you **couldn't**.

You **can/may** use your mobiles now.

PROHIBITION

You **mustn't** smoke in this building.

OBLIGATION

We **must/have to** recycle to save the planet!

You **must/have to** do homework until Thursday.

NO OBLIGATION

You **don't have to/don't need to** wear uniforms in your school.

He **doesn't have to/doesn't need to** wash the dishes. I've done it.

GIVING ADVICE

You **should** see a doctor.

What **shall** I do with this cake?

You **shouldn't** eat so much chocolate.

I. Write the correct modal verb:

1. I *may not / can't / don't have to* ride a bike. I always fall off.
2. You look sick, you *should / can / may* see a doctor.
3. Remember, you are in a library. You *must / mustn't / don't have to* speak loudly.
4. Don't forget to take an umbrella. It *may not / can't / might* rain later.
5. We *shouldn't / must / don't have to* chew gum in class.
6. You *may not / can't / don't have to* make pancakes. I've already made some.
7. Students *can / must / may* take exams twice a year.
8. Sorry, I *will have to / can't / will not be able to* come tomorrow.
9. Students *borrow up to four books at a time.*
10. You really *smoke.*
11. Tim *go to school tomorrow. It's Sunday.*
12. *you help me with my homework, please?*
13. I *go out tonight. I'm babysitting my little cousins.*
14. We *hurry. I don't want to be late again.*
15. *you play swim as a child? No, I couldn't.*
16. He *speak Spanish. He's been in Spain for only a week.*
17. She's got plenty of time, so she *hurry.*
18. You *leave now if you wish.*
19. *you open the window a bit, please?*
20. *you play the guitar?*
21. You *practice more if you want to take part in the marathon.*
22. You *say things like that to your sister.*

Well done!