

Can, Could, or Be Able To?

Choose the correct modal verb to complete each sentence.

1. I don't think I will have much work next week. I think I will _____ take a day off.
2. Excuse me, _____ you tell me where the bus station is?
3. They haven't _____ solve the problem yet.
4. She _____ play the flute and the guitar.
5. When we were younger, we _____ watch movies all afternoon! Now we think it's boring.

Need to or Have To?

Complete the sentences with need to or have to.

1. Wow, my house is a mess! I really _____ clean a bit!
2. Professor, do we _____ finish all the exercises on the test?
3. The judge said that he will _____ make a formal apology to the public on television.
4. If you want to camp in the park, you _____ pay for a permit first.
5. I have worked too long! I _____ take a break!

Will, Shall, and Would

There is a mistake in each of the sentences below. Correct the mistakes by adding the correct modal verb.

1. Incorrect: They *shall* have a meeting later.

Correct: They _____ have a meeting later.

2. If it were not raining, we *will* go for a walk.

If it were not raining, we _____ go for a walk.

3. I promise I *would* pay you back soon!

I promise I _____ pay you back soon!

4. I think he *shall* pass his test.

I think he _____ pass his test.

5. It's too bad I am so short! If I were taller, I *shall* play basketball.

It's too bad I am so short! If I were taller, I _____ play basketball.

Choose the correct modal that correspond to each sentence.

CAN'T

CAN'T BE

MIGHT

BE ABLE TO

WAS ABLE TO

WASN'T ABLE TO

COULD HAVE

COULDN'T

1. The businessman from England spoke so fast that I _____ understand him.

2. I would like to _____ ski so quickly.

3. I'm pretty sure Dad is at home. He _____ working at this time in the evening.

4. It _____ rain this afternoon. It's pretty cloudy already.

5. Please, have patience. I'll _____ help you soon.

6. I didn't have the key so I _____ get inside.

7. My best friend _____ become a great athlete, but he didn't practice enough.
8. Jimmy _____ take the driving test last year because he was only 17.
9. It is a difficult question but he _____ answer it.
10. It _____ be him. He told me he'd gone to Australia.