

GRAMMAR: MODAL VERBS



Which of the sentences below express probability or possibility, and which have modals with other meanings? **CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER:**

- a) "I'm sorry, I really must get going. I have a meeting in ten minutes."
- b) "It could take up to a year."
- c) "The price of solar panels might go up due to the action against China."
- d) "Might I have your attention for just a moment?"
- e) "My colleague may have the information you are looking for."
- f) "May I use your office for a meeting?"
- g) "Could you possibly give me his mobile number?"
- h) "There's no answer. He must be in a meeting."
- i) "I can't hear you very well."
- j) "500 dollars?? He can't be serious!"

COMPLETE WITH A SUITABLE MODAL VERB:

- a) -Do you want me to collect the children from the kindergarten? -No, you _____ collect them. Mrs Shaw is going to take them home.
- b) _____ you please help me with this report?
- c) Do you think our client _____ accept my apologies for the delay?
- d) Jessica _____ get the job she is applying for, because she _____ speak French and also Italian.
- e) Yesterday I _____ get into my office because I had forgotten my key.
- f) All children under the age of 16 _____ go to school. It is the law.
- g) I love Sundays because I _____ get up early and go to work.
- h) You _____ leave knives in places where babies can reach them.
- i) I promise I _____ be late for our appointment this time! Trust me!!

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TRANSLATE INTO FRENCH:

- a) He might be late for the meeting:
- b) They won't be early, that's for sure:
- c) What time could we meet?
- d) Sorry I'm late: I couldn't leave the office earlier.
- e) May I introduce you to Mrs. Thomas?
- f) You should arrive on time.