Grammar 1

Modals: ability, permission, requests, offers & suggestions

3 Circle the correct words.



1 **Shall I / Am I able to** bring you some books the next time I visit?
2 You **could / will be able** to see the prisoner after lunch.
3 **Would / May** I visit my wife while she's in prison?
4 **Would / Can't** you like to tell us where you were yesterday evening?
5 The police were happy that they **were able to / were allowed to** find the criminal.
6 **Shall / Could** you call my lawyer? I think I'm in trouble.
7 My parents said I **won't be allowed to / can** see Jim anymore because he shoplifts.
8 The burglar hit you very hard! **May you / Are you able to** stand up now, sir?

4 Choose the correct answers.

1 Sharon ___ read and write before she started school.
a can b could c was allowed to

2 The young offender ___ miss a meeting with his probation officer to go to his sister's wedding.
a was allowed to b may not c could

3 ___ you phone me if you find out who stole my car, please?
a Shall b Will c Couldn't

4 He ___ get a job right now because he has to do thirty hours of community service each week.
a can't b may c shall

5 ___ you like me to take you to the police station?
a May b Can c Would

6 Once he'd found the clue, Officer Boyle ___ solve the murder case.
a was able to b could c may

3 Circle the correct words.

Int: So, you're a probation officer in the UK criminal system, aren't you?

Ann: Yes, that's right. I work with people who have either broken the law, but [1] **didn't have to serve / needn't have served** a prison sentence, or people who [2] **had to / must** go to prison, but who are out now.

Int: It [3] **must / may** be quite a difficult job. Working with criminals [4] **mustn't / can't** be easy! What kind of things [5] **do you have to / can you** do?

Ann: Well, I often [6] **need / must** to write reports, for example, when I think a criminal [7] **has to / might** be dangerous, or if I think they [8] **could / need to** break the law again. I also [9] **could / have to** make sure that the criminal does what the judge has said they [10] **must / can** do. For example, sometimes criminals [11] **have to / needn't** do community service. They [12] **must / might** actually do the work they have been told to do.

Int: [13] **Did you need to / Mustn't you** go to university to get this job?

Ann: No, I [14] **needn't / can't** have gone to university, but I did. Then I [15] **may / had to** train to become a probation services officer, or a PSO as they are called.

Int: That [16] **can / must** have taken quite a few years.

Ann: After university, the whole process took about fifteen months. But it was worth it – I really enjoy my job.



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