



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

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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 **I didn't have to serve / needn't have served** a prison sentence, or people who **had to / must** go to prison, but who are out now.

Int: It ⁵ **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, I¹⁴ **needn't / can't** have gone to university, but I did. Then I¹⁵ **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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