

# Modal Verbs

Look at the table and do the task.

Modal Auxiliary Verbs		
Must	Obligation	You must stop when lights turn red.
	Certainty	He must be tired, due to overworked.
Can	Ability	I can swim.
	Permission	Can I use your phone please.
Could	Ability	When I was younger I could run fast.
	Permission	Excuse me, could I just say something?
May	Possibility	It may rain tomorrow!
	permission	May I use your phone, please?
Might	Possibility	I might go on holiday to Fiji next year.
	Permission	Might I suggest an idea?
Should Ought to	Advice	You should / ought to revise your lessons
	Conclusion	He should / ought to be very tired.
Would Will	Prediction	I would be surprised if he is not elected.
	Request	Will you be quiet!



### Complete the sentences using

#### CAN/COULD, MAY/MIGHT, MUST

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ keep the journal. I don't need it.
2. John said he \_\_\_\_\_ swim when he was three years old.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I ask then, Mr. Morley, what are you doing here?
4. When he married her, she \_\_\_\_\_ not have been more than sixteen.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ change your shoes. I won't have you in here with muddy feet.
6. Jane has bought a car, but she \_\_\_\_\_ not drive yet. She is taking driving lessons at the moment.
7. She looked unusually pale and gloomy. I wondered what \_\_\_\_\_ have upset her.
8. The man danced very well. He \_\_\_\_\_ have spent hours taking lessons, Jack thought.
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ have gone for their honeymoon. They've just married.
10. My father \_\_\_\_\_ be angry with me. He doesn't approve of my getting married.

#### HAVE TO/HAD TO/WILL HAVE TO; SHOULD, OUGHT TO

1. I'm sorry I'm late. I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the dentist's. I had a terrible toothache.
2. Sorry, I'm leaving. Tomorrow I \_\_\_\_\_ get up early.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ light a fire to cook their supper.
4. He looked more than ever out of place, he \_\_\_\_\_ have stayed at home.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ go to bed at eight o'clock to be up in time for the first train.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ be more attentive to your parents. They need your support.
7. I don't think you \_\_\_\_\_ invite him to the party. He is such a bore!
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ to wear glasses as my eyesight is very weak.
9. If you want to master a language you \_\_\_\_\_ read a lot.
10. He was so rude to his father. I think he \_\_\_\_\_ apologize.

#### MUST, NEED, HAVE TO/HAD TO

1. Tell the children they \_\_\_\_\_ not shout. The baby is sleeping.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ not have cash with you. You can pay by credit card.
3. The apples are very good. You \_\_\_\_\_ eat them all.
4. The guests \_\_\_\_\_ not wear evening suits. It's a casual event.
5. "I don't know why he did it." – "It \_\_\_\_\_ have amused him."
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ not have booked a room in the hotel. We have a spare bedroom.
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ not come tomorrow. I'll be busy.
8. They bombed us all day yesterday, and we \_\_\_\_\_ stay in the trenches.
9. I work for an international company, so I often \_\_\_\_\_ travel abroad.
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ not speak about our new project with them. It's a commercial secret.