

# MODAL VERBS

PERMISSION, OBLIGATION AND NECESSITY

1. I

(buy) bread but I didn't know we needed it. **(past possibility)**

2. We

(invite) so many people to our party! I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone. **(past negative advice / regret)**

3. I

(start) saving money years ago! **(past advice / regret)**

4. We

(join) you at the restaurant, but we couldn't get a babysitter. **(past willingness)**

5. The weather

(be) any worse! **(past negative possibility)**

6. I

(arrive) on time, even if I'd left earlier. There were dreadful traffic jams all the way. **(past negative possibility)**

7. They

(win) the football match, but John hurt his ankle. **(past possibility)**

8. Amanda

(finish) the work, but she felt ill and had to go home. **(past willingness)**

9. Lucy

(leave) earlier. She missed her flight. **(past advice / regret)**

10. We

(finish) the game, even if we'd wanted to. It was raining very hard and we had to stop. **(past negative possibility)**