

MODAL VERBS

PERMISSION, OBLIGATION AND NECESSITY

1. I [redacted]
(buy) bread but I didn't know we needed it. **(past possibility)**
2. We [redacted]
(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 [redacted]
(start) saving money years ago! **(past advice / regret)**
4. We [redacted]
(join) you at the restaurant, but we couldn't get a babysitter. **(past willingness)**
5. The weather [redacted]
(be) any worse! **(past negative possibility)**
6. I [redacted]
(arrive) on time, even if I'd left earlier. There were dreadful traffic jams all the way. **(past negative possibility)**
7. They [redacted]
(win) the football match, but John hurt his ankle. **(past possibility)**
8. Amanda [redacted]
(finish) the work, but she felt ill and had to go home. **(past willingness)**
9. Lucy [redacted]
(leave) earlier. She missed her flight. **(past advice / regret)**
10. We [redacted]
(finish) the game, even if we'd wanted to. It was raining very hard and we had to stop. **(past negative possibility)**