



Set 5
Grammar for
Creative
Writing
The Write Tribe

MODALS
PHRASAL VERBS



Modals

Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences.

1. Fortunately, I working alone otherwise I would have got really bored at the night shift.

- A) was supposed to
- B) was to
- C) was used to
- D) would
- E) used to

2. I don't think it was a good idea to intervene, instead, you your child to abandon the habit of thumb-sucking gradually, all by himself.

- A) have allowed
- B) had allowed
- C) must have allowed
- D) were able to allow
- E) could have allowed

3. After the voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea, unfortunately, only two of the men on board swim to the small island nearby.

- A) might
- B) were supposed to
- C) could



- D) were able to
- E) had to

4. I don't know why she didn't ask me how to do it as I ---- her.

- A) must have helped
- B) could have helped
- C) might help
- D) should have helped
- E) could help

5. Martin ---- my tennis racket without asking my permission. I got really angry with him.

- A) needn't have taken
- B) must not have taken
- C) shouldn't have taken
- D) didn't need to taken
- E) might not have taken

6. I don't know why Peter is so late; do you think he ---- lost coming here?

- A) may get
- B) could get
- C) must have got
- D) might have got
- E) was to have got



7. What ---- to Phil? He said he ---- here at eight o'clock.

- A) might have happened / will be
- B) should have happened / has been
- C) may happen / will have been
- D) would happen / is
- E) can have happened / would be

8. One of the US national security advisers ---- there ---- better intelligence sharing before the September 11 attacks.

- A) had acknowledged / can be
- B) acknowledges / might be
- C) has acknowledged / could have been
- D) acknowledged / must be
- E) would acknowledge / will have been

9. We all think that Maria ---- an interesting person to meet as we ---- a lot of stories about her so far.

- A) is / had heard
- B) can be / heard
- C) might have been / hear
- D) would be / have heard
- E) will be / will have heard



10. As a young woman who had never given birth before, she ---- what the experience of childbirth ---- like.

- A) doesn't know / will be
- B) may not know / is
- C) must not have known / will be
- D) may not know / would be
- E) couldn't have known / would be



Phrasal verbs

Complete the sentences with the most appropriate phrasal verbs.

1. As I have just had a tooth ----, I am not allowed to eat or drink anything for three hours.

- A) run out
- B) tried on
- C) crossed out
- D) taken out
- E) broken off

2. You need to ---- your essay for spell-check before you hand in your exam paper.

- A) hang out
- B) point out
- C) cut off
- D) go over
- E) give away

3. It is not easy for many civil servants to ---- on their salaries as the inflation rate is extremely high.

- A) get by
- B) turn up
- C) wear out
- D) run over
- E) take away



4. You'd better ---- your cigarette as it is dangerous to smoke at a gas station.

- A) hold up
- B) pull through
- C) get through
- D) hang up
- E) put out

5. Jane found it hard to get up from the bed after the alarm clock ---- at seven.

- A) broke in
- B) took out
- C) sent out
- D) went off
- E) threw up

6. There is an easy way to ---- four species of wild cats living in this region by their tail patterns.

- A) tell apart
- B) see to
- C) clear up
- D) back up
- E) call for

7. I thought the party was going to be boring, but it ---- to be the most unforgettable evening of my life.

- A) turned out
- B) looked around
- C) passed away
- D) fell back on
- E) cut down



8. I find it hard to ---- with the other students in the Italian class as they have been attending the classes more regularly than I do.

- A) fall through
- B) call in
- C) do away
- D) catch up
- E) come up

9. The first National Food and Nutrition Survey was ---- in 1980 and the most recent one in 1992.

- A) carried out
- B) dropped out
- C) figured out
- D) brought about
- E) checked in

10. The summit was earlier to be held in March but was ---- due to the tsunami disaster that hit India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

- A) paid off
- B) crossed out
- C) put off
- D) dropped in
- E) turned down

