



Ultimate
Grammar
MCQs

The Write Tribe



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Question Tags

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Grammar Notes

A question tag is a short question that we add to the end of a statement to change it into a question. It consists of a helping word and a pronoun. The helping word can be positive or negative. A positive tag goes with a negative statement and vice versa.

Example: She didn't believe him. **did she?**

negative statement helping word (positive) pronoun

Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Your brother has bought another gadget, _____?
(1) has he (2) hasn't he
(3) did he (4) didn't he
2. You're not hungry again, _____?
(1) are you (2) aren't you
(3) will you (4) won't you
3. He's really good with numbers, _____?
(1) is he (2) isn't he
(3) is it (4) isn't it
4. That home belongs to Mrs Singha, _____?
(1) does it (2) doesn't it
(3) is it (4) isn't it
5. Cats don't have nine lives, _____?
(1) do they (2) don't they
(3) have they (4) haven't they
6. I'm not supposed to tell you the answer, _____?
(1) do I (2) aren't I
(3) am I not (4) am I
7. The children would like some jelly, _____?
(1) would they (2) won't they
(3) wouldn't they (4) don't they
8. "Tut, tut! We shouldn't tell lies, _____?" says Aunt Jane.
(1) should we (2) shouldn't we
(3) do we (4) don't we

9. *Cinderella* is one of the most popular fairy tales of all time, _____?
(1) is she (2) isn't she
(3) is it (4) isn't it
10. Bread and butter was all you had for lunch, _____?
(1) hadn't you (2) had you
(3) wasn't it (4) was it
11. Korean pop music is very popular among teenagers, _____?
(1) are they (2) aren't they
(3) is it (4) isn't it
12. Dictionaries aren't allowed in the English examination, _____?
(1) are they (2) aren't they
(3) do they (4) don't they
13. A handful of seeds is all the farmer needs, _____?
(1) is it (2) isn't it
(3) are they (4) aren't they
14. You don't believe that Santa Claus exists, _____?
(1) does he (2) don't he
(3) do you (4) don't you
15. Let's do something special to cheer her up, _____?
(1) do we (2) don't we
(3) shall we (4) shan't we
16. He said he might go to the cinema later, _____?
(1) might he (2) mightn't he
(3) did he (4) didn't he
17. Somebody has told Ali about the change in plans, _____?
(1) have they (2) haven't they
(3) has he (4) hasn't he
18. No one in this class knows where Janet is, _____?
(1) do they (2) don't they
(3) does she (4) doesn't she
19. "I'm the smartest in this class, _____?" the little boy boasted.
(1) isn't I (2) am I
(3) am not I (4) aren't I
20. Andrew said to his sister impatiently, "Walk a little faster, _____?"
(1) did he (2) didn't he
(3) will you (4) do you

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Modals

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Grammar Notes

Modals are helping words that are used to express different meanings. Modals include *can, may, must, shall, will, could, would, might* and *should*. *Used to, have to, ought to* and *need to* behave like modals and are called semi-modals.

Example: Susan **might** go swimming this evening. (The modal *might* in this sentence shows possibility.)

Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Mr Alsagoff _____ play tennis every weekend, but now he is too busy to do so.
(1) might (2) should
(3) must (4) used to
2. The boss asked Jill, "How many words _____ you type in one minute?"
(1) can (2) may
(3) will (4) shall
3. Your parents _____ let you go to the party if you ask them politely.
(1) can (2) must
(3) may (4) shall
4. I _____ be able to finish reading this book by this weekend.
(1) can (2) must
(3) could (4) should
5. We _____ study very hard if we want to do well in school.
(1) may (2) might
(3) could (4) have to
6. "_____ you please pass the sugar?" the guest asked politely.
(1) Might (2) Could
(3) Should (4) May
7. All participants _____ observe the game rules; those who don't will be disqualified.
(1) must (2) may
(3) can (4) could
8. Looking at his results, the boy said with determination, "I _____ put in more effort next time."
(1) would (2) will
(3) used to (4) can
9. The fans predict that the Lions _____ win the next match against their opponents.
(1) would (2) may
(3) will (4) shall

10. If you leave immediately, you _____ still be able to get there before the shop closes.
 (1) would (2) could
 (3) might (4) can
11. Jackie is a talented musician who _____ play four different instruments.
 (1) will (2) would
 (3) can (4) could
12. Only those people with an official permit _____ be allowed to enter.
 (1) will (2) would
 (3) could (4) might
13. The photograph reminds Mrs Foo of how she _____ go for long walks in the countryside.
 (1) ought to (2) used to
 (3) might (4) should
14. "_____ I use the computer in the lab to do some research, please?" Soo Ling asked her teacher.
 (1) Must (2) May
 (3) Should (4) Would
15. "Don't you think you _____ help your mum wash the dishes?" Dad said.
 (1) ought to (2) must
 (3) will (4) can
16. "_____ we go to the cinema tonight?" Mr Jones asked his wife.
 (1) May (2) Might
 (3) Will (4) Shall
17. Ravi feels that he _____ join the class outing even though he does not feel like it.
 (1) may (2) might
 (3) would (4) should
18. Clifford _____ have left this water bottle here when he came for the meeting just now.
 (1) can (2) may
 (3) could (4) will
19. You _____ want to join the school choir since you really enjoy singing.
 (1) should (2) could
 (3) might (4) can
20. When he was a child, he _____ spend the afternoons playing with the other children in the neighbourhood.
 (1) will (2) would
 (3) may (4) might

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Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Some people believe that children _____ be seen and not heard.
 (1) could (2) would
 (3) should (4) might
2. "Do we _____ bring our sports attire tomorrow?" the monitor asked.
 (1) need to (2) ought to
 (3) should (4) must
3. You _____ have a driving licence to drive a car.
 (1) should (2) must
 (3) can (4) ought to
4. Remember to take an umbrella with you as it _____ rain later.
 (1) can (2) should
 (3) would (4) might
5. According to the law of the country, all male citizens _____ serve in the army for two years.
 (1) must (2) should
 (3) can (4) may
6. I _____ go to the public library on my way home from school tomorrow.
 (1) had to (2) used to
 (3) might (4) would
7. Experts predict that the prices of houses in this area _____ continue to fall this year.
 (1) shall (2) will
 (3) would (4) must
8. By the time he was five, he _____ already ride a bicycle.
 (1) can (2) could
 (3) would (4) should
9. I _____ have put it in the cupboard; I don't remember.
 (1) can (2) will
 (3) need to (4) might
10. Which modal is **not** appropriate in this sentence?
 "_____ you tell me the time, please?" Jim said.
 (1) Can (2) Could
 (3) Should (4) Would

11. "_____ you help me to collect the homework, please?" the teacher asked the class monitor.
(1) Could (2) May
(3) Should (4) Might
12. I _____ go for a run in the evening when it is not so hot.
(1) used to (2) had to
(3) would (4) shall
13. To keep healthy, we _____ eat well, exercise regularly and have enough sleep.
(1) may (2) must
(3) can (4) might
14. We _____ have our annual reunion dinner at my grandparents' home this year.
(1) will (2) would
(3) need to (4) used to
15. "Don't wait for me. I _____ be late," Mr Dali told his wife.
(1) must (2) used to
(3) would (4) may
16. Let's wait a while longer. She _____ be here soon.
(1) had to (2) used to
(3) should (4) can
17. I _____ like a cheeseburger, french fries and iced lemon tea, please.
(1) shall (2) will
(3) would (4) may
18. When Jenny and I were classmates last year, we _____ play together at break time every day.
(1) would (2) may
(3) can (4) should
19. "Well, we _____ try this method if you like, but I'm not sure it'll work," the supervisor said.
(1) would (2) had to
(3) could (4) used to
20. "I wish I _____ help you, but I don't know how," Nellie said apologetically.
(1) can (2) could
(3) should (4) would