

GRAMMAR REVISION UNIT 4 – MODAL VERBS

1 Complete the sentences using the modals below.

can | could | might | must | ought to

- I stay home tonight. I'll decide later.
- He draw well when he was young.
- You call her first. She doesn't like unexpected visitors.
- Everyone be here by 8 am for the school trip.
- I have some sugar for my coffee, please?

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *can*, *could* or *be able to*. Use the affirmative or negative form. There may be more than one possible answer.

- I skate when I was younger, but I haven't done it for years.
- Charlie go to school this morning because he was at the dentist.
- I help. I'm not doing anything else at the moment.
- Will you go to the bank later?
- I buy anything because I don't have any money.

3 Rewrite the sentences. Replace the words in bold with a suitable modal.

- My grandfather **isn't able** to hear well.
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- You **aren't allowed to** wear flip-flops in the gym.
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- I **have to** finish this project today.
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- Jennifer **is allowed to** stay out until midnight.
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- I think **it's a good idea** that we finish our homework early.
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4 Choose the correct answer.

- It's a very popular restaurant, so we book a table.
a are able to b should c ought
- She have taken her bike. It's got a flat tyre!
a can't b might c needn't

- 3 You let the dog off the lead here. It's not allowed.
 a couldn't b don't have to c mustn't
- 4 They to leave their dogs outside. It's a children's playground, after all.
 a should b ought c must
- 5 They took the noon train. Otherwise, they have been late.
 a should b would c must
- 6 You do the dishes. We've got a dishwasher.
 a may not b can't c don't have to
- 7 John ... leave at eight o'clock because he has to catch the train.
 a. might b. must c. may
- 8 You ... help your sister in the kitchen. Mum wants you to do it.
 a. may b. can c. ought to
- 9 In the past, people ... travel long distances quickly.
 a. couldn't b. shouldn't c. didn't have to
- 10 I close the window? I'm cold.
 a. Must b. May c. Should
- 11 The doctor says that Bram ... go to school. The other children will get ill.
 a. mustn't b. might not c. couldn't
- 12 Oliver ... speak French, English and Spanish.
 a. ought to b. must c. can

5 The sentences below may be said before, during or after a concert. Match the sentence beginnings in A to their endings in B.

- | A | | B |
|---------------------|-------|---|
| 1 We must | | a played for longer, but they didn't. |
| 2 You don't have to | | b take drinks into the arena. It's not allowed. |
| 3 We can't | | c play my favourite song. I hope so! |
| 4 They might | | d remember to bring the tickets. |
| 5 We should have | | e shout! We can hear you! |
| 6 They could have | | f bought better tickets. We're so far from the stage! |

6 Complete the sentences with a suitable modal or modal perfect. There may be more than one correct answer.

- 1 You make tea. I've already made it.
- 2 It's getting dark. I think the children come inside now.
- 3 They go to the match. They'll let us know.
- 4 You said that. It really hurt my feelings.
- 5 I didn't know she was a vegetarian! You told me!
- 6 Carol left early. Nobody's seen her since lunch.

7 Complete the sentences about Thomas with the modal perfects below.

could have • should not have • must have • might not have • should have

1. Thomas didn't come to the meeting. He forgotten about it.
2. I reminded him about it, but I decided not to.
3. The boss called Thomas at the start of the meeting, but he didn't have time.
4. Thomas written the date in his work diary. Maybe that's why he forgot.
5. Thomas has missed meetings in the past. He done it again!

8 Complete these sentences in a logical way using a modal or modal perfect and the words in brackets.

- 1 I told you we'd be late. We (left earlier)
- 2 He works six-and-a-half days a week! That (tiring)
- 3 The car isn't here. Someone it. (stolen)
- 4 Why didn't you say you were going? I (come)
- 5 She doesn't look anything like him! That ! (be his sister)

9 Match the sentences in A with the responses in B.

A

1. Sharon is tired in the morning.
2. Jack failed the last maths test.
3. The visitor forgot her umbrella.
4. The boys left the kitchen in a mess.
5. We were waiting for Andrew but he didn't come.
6. Look, my shoe broke.

B

- a. Marie can return it to her tomorrow.
- b. You ought to buy a new pair.
- c. He might have called to let us know.
- d. He should have asked the teacher for help.
- e. She must try to go to bed early.
- f. They might not have had time to clean up before they left.

10 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Add a modal or modal perfect.

1. The dog made a mess on the floor. You (take) him for a walk.
2. I feel ill. I (leave) the classroom?
3. The neighbours aren't at home. I'm not sure, but they (go) away for the weekend.
4. My leg is broken. I (play) football.
5. Donna didn't come to the party last night. She (forgot) it was Jack's birthday.

11 Choose the correct answer.

1. Eric woke up late on Saturday morning. He ¹: **must have / should have / could have** set the alarm clock because he had plans. He had promised to help Charlie repair his bicycle. Eric is very good with his hands and he ²: **can / should / must** repair anything that's broken. But Eric is very lazy. His friends know that you ³: **might / can / must** be patient if you want him to help you.
2. The children ¹: **must have / should have / couldn't have** eaten all the cake. I have nothing to offer my guests tonight! I ²: **could / mustn't / don't have to** call my husband and ask him to buy a cake at the supermarket, but I know that I ³: **shouldn't / couldn't / might not** phone him when he's in a meeting.