

Modals Verbs



TASK A. Fill in the blanks using MUST, MUSTN'T, HAVE TO, DON'T HAVE TO, SHOULD, SHOULDN'T, MIGHT, CAN, CAN'T !

1. Rose and Ted MUST be good players. They have won hundreds of cups !

2. You pay to use the library. It's free.

3. I'm not sure where my wife is at the moment. She be at her dance class.

4. Jerry be working today. He never works on Sundays.

5. You be 18 to see that film.

6. You hear this story. It's very funny.



7. Dad go and see a doctor. His cough is getting worse all the time.

8. You don't have to shout. I hear you very well.

9. It be him. I saw him a week ago, and he didn't look like that.

10. You look pretty tired. I think you go to bed early tonight.

11. Let me look. I be able to help you.

12. "Children, you cross the street if the lights are red!"

TASK B. There is an error in each line of the passage that follows. Write the

correct word in your answer in the gap.

Plastic bags are not be used because

a) should

they **should** cause much pollution.

b)

They **need** never disintegrate with

c)

time. They **should** block the sewerage.

d)

It **need** to melted and reprocessed

e)

but that **might** make it even more

f)

harmful. Even if buried they **can**

g)

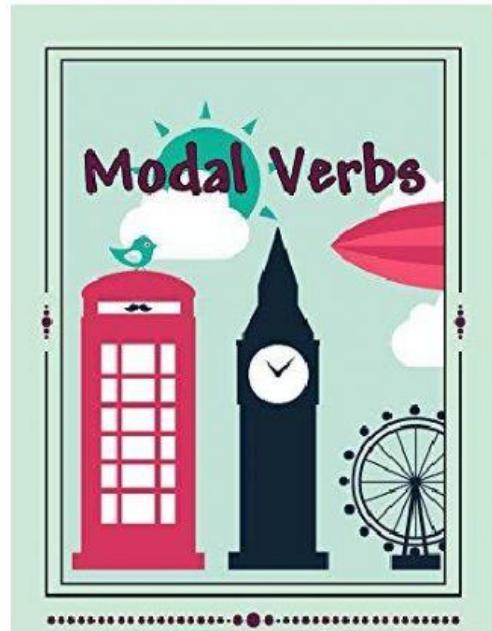
never be destroyed. They **should** be

h)

useful today but they **would** be

i)

very harmful for the coming generations.



TASK C. Match the two columns to identify the use of each modal verb.

1. Abe should call Lyla soon after their first date. (J)

a. obligation

2. Lyla should be happy to get his call.

b. possibility

3. Abe calls but she doesn't pick up, she must be working.

c. low probability

4. No problem, he can call her back later.

d. rational probability

5. Later he tells her they could go out to dinner again.

e. certainty

6. She says she may be available Friday.

f. polite request

7. Abe asks if he can call her back Friday morning.

g. permission

8. She says she could be in a meeting, the afternoon is better.

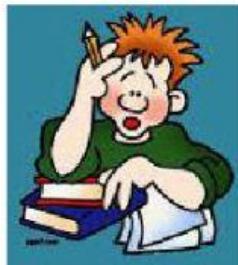
h. advice

9. Friday afternoon, Abe asks: May I pick you up at 6 pm?

i. capacity

10. He must be on time to make a good impression.

j. suggestion



TASK D. Write sentences with should or shouldn't.

1 It's late. (go home now)

4 Tim doesn't like his job. (get another job)

.....YOU SHOULD GO HOME RIGHT NOW.....

2 These sports shoes are expensive. (buy them)

5 Sally is not well. (go to school today)

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3 You didn't practice for the event. (take part in the competition)

6 It's snowing. (wear a coat and boots)

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TASK E. Complete the sentences with the correct form of can, could or be able to.

Example: *He's very fit for his age. He (run) really fast.*

He's very fit for his age. He can run really fast.



1. you (come) to the party on Saturday?

2. You should (go out) when you want to.

3. She tried to think of other things but she (not put) that awful memory out of her mind.

4. I (not sleep) very well for the last four nights. It's been too hot.

5. Amy's exam results weren't very good. She (do) better.

6. We (not phone her up) because her phone is broken, but fortunately we (get) a message to her