

1.2 Modal verbs

Name _____ No. _____ Class: _____ Date _____

1. Read the sentences and identify the situation conveyed by each modal.

prohibition possibility suggestion ability advice permission

- a. Shall we invite our friends over for lunch this Saturday? _____
- b. Can I leave earlier today, Miss? I have a medical appointment. _____
- c. You can choose a wide range of books from our class's reading list. _____
- d. You are so intolerant! You should be more respectful of other people's opinions. _____
- e. He can speak Spanish so fluently. Has he lived in Spain? _____
- f. You mustn't use your mobile phone on a plane. _____

2. Complete the sentences with an appropriate modal verb. More than one option is possible in some sentences.

- a. We _____ have told her the truth from the beginning. Now, it's too late.
- b. Miss Davis, _____ we listen to the song "Lovely", by Billie Eilish and Khalid again?
- c. _____ you play the guitar when you were six?
- d. You _____ step on the grass. Read the sign!
- e. I _____ go to Paris this summer, but I'm not sure yet.
- f. Sorry, you _____ use my computer now. I need it to answer some work emails.

3. Rephrase the sentences using a modal verb. Don't change the meaning of the sentences. Start as suggested.

- a. It's advisable to ask for help when you're feeling down.
You _____ when you're feeling down.
- b. It's essential to obey the company's regulations.
You _____ the company's regulations.
- c. Sam is unlikely to be at home this weekend. He said he wanted to visit his parents.
Sam _____ because he wanted to visit his parents.
- d. It's not possible to meet the project deadline as we had agreed initially.
We _____ as we had agreed initially.
- e. It's not a very good idea to share your feelings so openly with strangers.
I don't think you _____ so openly with strangers.
- f. Kate won't probably want to go with us to the party.
Kate _____ to the party.