

Modal Verbs

Fill in the blanks with:

may, must, should, can, will, would, might, could, mustn't, can't, needn't

1. My grandmother is eighty-five, but she _____ still read and write without glasses.
(ability)
2. _____ I come with you? (permission)
3. _____ you help me with the housework, please? (polite request)
4. There was a time when I _____ stay up very late. (past ability)
5. You _____ not lose any more weight. You are already slim. (advice or suggestion)
6. We _____ make the first move. (prohibition)
7. It is snowing outside so I _____ stay at home. (intention)
8. I _____ get you a shawl from Kashmir. (intention/promise)
9. _____ you mind if I borrowed your car? (permission)
10. _____ I go home now, as I have finished my work? (polite request)
11. Our country _____ become a super power by 2025. (possibility)
12. She _____ sell her home because she needs money. (possibility)
13. You _____ stop when the traffic lights turn red. (strong obligation/law)
14. Smoking _____ cause cancer, (possibility) so I think you _____ stop! (advice)
15. He has been working all day, so he _____ be tired. (logical conclusion/certainty)
16. I _____ see a doctor about my headaches. (personal obligation)
17. He is not at work today, so he _____ be sick (logical conclusion/certainty)
18. Please _____ you help me carry this heavy box? (polite request)
19. We have enough tomatoes, so you _____ buy any more. (lack of necessity)
20. I _____ speak French fluently. (ability)

Match the model verbs with the correct expression:

<u>Modal verb</u>	<u>Expression</u>
Should	intention
Might	ability
Will	personal obligation
Can	lack of necessity
Must	past ability
Mustn't (must not)	possibility
Could	advice or suggestion
Needn't (need not)	strong prohibition/law

Expressions of Deduction

Might be/have, must be/have, can't be/have

1. He worked so hard for the test. He failed.
2. She is not answering her phone. She asleep.
3. They left the house by now. It's past ten o'clock!
4. She left the house yet because her car is still outside.
5. He hasn't called us yet. He sick.
6. It raining! The sun was shining five minutes ago.

