

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 is asleep.
3. They have left the house by now. It's past ten o'clock!
4. She hasn't left the house yet because her car is still outside.
5. He hasn't called us yet. He is sick.
6. It was raining! The sun was shining five minutes ago.

