MODAL VERBS

A) Fill in the blanks with the modals in the box.

a) Can't*2
b) Will be able to
c) Could
d) Must be
e) must
f) Should
g) Shouldn't
h) Don't have to
i) Can*2
j) May

1) My mother is at home although it is Monday. She ---------- be ill.
2) Babies---------- sleep regularly.
3) You ---------- enter the room without permission.
4) You ---------- wear school uniform in this school. There isn't an obligation.
5) ---------- you help me please?
6) I ---------- swim but my brother ---------- swim well.
7) I ---------- be careful while driving .It is foggy.
8) You ---------- drink cold water. You ---------- get ill.
9) Jenny ---------- drive a car next year.
10) -------**you**---------- finish the book?
11) I ---------- swim when I was four.

B) Choose the correct answer.

1) There is somebody in the living room. It **must / should** be the cat.
2) You **must / mustn't** make noise in the library.
3) "**Can / could** you play tennis as a child?" "No, I **can't / couldn't**. I wasn't good at sports."
4) " **Could/ can** I go out, please? "
5) My father is at work now. He **mustn't / can't** be at home.
6) Wendy **will be able to / can** finish her exam on time.
7) We **must / can** hurry up otherwise we **will / would** be late.
8) My mother told me : "You **have to / should** take these pills."
9) The gardener **must / can't** be busy. He is doing nothing but sleeping.
10) We **mustn't / don't have to** water the flowers. Because it is raining.



C) Write sentences with similar meaning using the given modals.

1) I won't go to school tomorrow because tomorrow is Sunday.
---------- **(don't have to)**
2) You are very ill. You need to go to the doctor.
---------- **(should)**
3) It is forbidden to smoke in this area.
---------- **(can't)**
4) There is somebody in the kitchen. But my mum isn't at home.
---------- **(can't)**
5) I have a project. The deadline is tomorrow.
---------- **(have to)**
6) Tomorrow is Sunday. I sleep until midday on Sundays.
---------- **(be able to)**
7) It is snowing heavily. Don't go out, please.
---------- **(shouldn't)**

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D) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals.

1) The train leaves at nine. We -------hurry up if we want to be there on time.
2) We ---------- help Paul. He is in trouble.
3) ---------- you help me please? I ---------- carry these bags.
4) We ---------- be quiet. The baby is sleeping. She ---------- wake up.
5) There ---------- be something wrong with Sara. She is not OK.
6) You ---------- finish the project tonight. You have enough time.
7) My father always says that I ---------- study harder.
8) I ---------- read when I was five but my brother ----------.
9) I ---------- be at home before midnight. Otherwise my father will be angry with me.
10) I ---------- go out tonight. Because I ---------- take care of my little sister.
11) "---------- you sing well?" "No, I ----------"

E) Match the sentences with their usages.

1) We must obey the rules. ---
2) I can't play the piano. ---
3) We should help Derek. ---
4) We have to go to work. ---
5) We can carry the boxes. ---
6) I couldn't ride a bike. ----
7) She may have a problem. ---
8) I have to visit my uncle. ---
9) You shouldn't smoke. ---
10) Can I borrow your pencil?-----

a) Ability
b) Past habits
c) Asking for permission
d) Giving advice
e) Lack of ability in the past
f) Obligation
g) Lack of ability
h) Obligation
i) Possibility



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KEY

A) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals in the box.

1) must be
2) should
3) can't
4) don't have to
5) Can
6) Would
7) can't / can
8) must
9) shouldn't /may
10) able to
11) could

B) Choose the correct answer.

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2) You **must** / **mustn't** make noise in the library.
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4) " **May** / **can** I go out, sir? "
5) My father is at work now. She **mustn't** / **can't** be at home.
6) **Will** / **would** you mind opening the window?
7) We **must** / **can** hurry up otherwise we **will** / **would** be late.
8) My mother: "You **have to** / **should** take these pills."
9) The gardener **must** / **can't** be busy. He is doing nothing but sleeping.
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c) Rewrite the sentences with the given modals.

1) I won't go to school tomorrow because tomorrow is Sunday.
--I don't have to go to school tomorrow----.(don't have to)
2) You are very ill. You need to go to the doctor.
--You should go to the doctor----. (should)
3) It is forbidden to smoke in this area.
--You cannot smoke here----. (can't)
4) There is somebody in the kitchen. But my mum isn't at home.
--There is somebody in the kitchen but it can't be my mum. (can't)
5) I have a project. The deadline is tomorrow.
--I have to finish my project until tomorrow---.
(have to)
6) Can you open the door, please?
--Would you mind opening the door?----.
(would)
7) It is snowing heavily. Don't go out, please.
--You shouldn't go out----. (shouldn't)

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6) I couldn't eat myself. **-f-**
7) Would you like to go out? **-b-**
8) She may have a problem. **-k-**
9) I would visit my uncle. **-c-**
10) You shouldn't smoke. **-g-**
11) May we go out? **-d-**

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