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Unit 8: Modals

Read and solve the activities

8.3 Ability & Possibility

A Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using *can*, *can't*, *could* or *couldn't*.

1 He was a fast runner when he was younger.
He ..... when he was younger.

2 It wasn't possible for me to get a ticket for the concert.
I ..... a ticket for the concert.

3 It's impossible for me to make it to the party tomorrow.
I ..... to the party tomorrow.

4 Some people would get angry in this situation but I'm not going to.
I ..... like other people in this situation.

5 I would hate to live in a dirty place like that.
I ..... in a dirty place like that.

6 It wouldn't be possible for her to become a good actress, she isn't talented enough.
She ..... a good actress, she isn't talented enough.

7 This letter is too complicated for me to understand.
I ..... this letter.

8 He's not doing a better job because he's too lazy.
He ..... a better job but he's too lazy.

9 For them, life is as good as it can be.
Life ..... better for them.

10 I was saving as much money as I possibly could.
I ..... more money.

B Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given.

1 Those bags will be too heavy for me to carry on my own.
able
I ..... carry those bags on my own.

2 Anne wouldn't be able to do a job with a lot of responsibility.
capable
Anne wouldn't ..... a job with a lot of responsibility.

3 You weren't helping me, you were standing and watching while I struggled.
could
You were standing and watching while I struggled when ..... me.

4 He had the chance to start his own company but he decided not to.
could
He ..... his own company but he decided not to.

5 Things at work are going as well as possible.
couldn't
Things at work ..... better than they are.

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6 James can't organize his social life very well.

good

James ..... his social life.

7 You'll have learnt how to play this tune soon.

able

You ..... this tune soon.

8 I tried as hard as I could but I didn't succeed.

couldn't

I ..... any harder but I didn't succeed.

9 We didn't succeed in finding a cheap hotel.

able

We ..... a cheap hotel.

8.7 Probability & Certainty

A **Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given.**

1 I shouldn't think they'll enjoy themselves very much there.

doubt

I ..... themselves very much there.

2 This mistake will not happen again, I promise you.

certainly

This mistake ..... , I promise you.

3 I suppose that things might get better soon.

possible

I suppose ..... better soon.

4 They have no intention of going back there again!

definitely

They ..... back there again!

5 I should think Bob will be there as well.

probably

Bob ..... as well.

6 The meal probably won't be ready until 2pm.

doubt

I ..... be ready before 2pm.

7 The situation probably won't improve in the near future.

unlikely

The situation ..... in the near future.

8 I don't think she'll change her mind about this.

likely

I don't think she ..... her mind about this.

9 In my opinion, he'll definitely be angry about this.

sure

In my opinion, he ..... angry about this.

10 Your luck will certainly change soon.

certain

Your luck ..... soon.

11 He'll probably turn up late.

likely

It's ..... late.

12 Harry will definitely be there tonight.

sure

I ..... there tonight.

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B Complete these short newspaper previews by deciding which word or phrase (A, B, C or D) fits into each gap.

Football Preview

Denton City face a tough game on Saturday against Lonsdale United but they 1 ..... win comfortably. Star striker Felix Andrews will 2 ..... be fit to play, although team coach Robert Deans 3 ..... decide that he isn't quite ready yet, following his leg injury. Stan Green will 4 ..... play in goal, according to the coach. It will be one of the big games of the season and there 5 ..... be a record crowd.

1	A likely	B probably	C should	D sure
2	A probably	B well	C likely	D certain
3	A can	B may	C possible	D doubt
4	A sure	B certain	C definitely	D likely
5	A should well	B likely	C probably	D might well

Film Preview

I 6 ..... think that most people will see a better film all year than *Dreamland*, just released and showing at The Odeon from Friday. It is 7 ..... the best film Roland Lang has ever made. I'm 8 ..... it will set records at the box office and it 9 ..... pick up many awards over the coming year. Roland Lang fans 10 ..... be surprised to see him playing a romantic role but he has surely never acted better.

6	A shouldn't	B may not	C might not	D don't doubt
7	A sure	B well	C certainly	D certain
8	A likely	B sure	C definitely	D possible
9	A may well	B likely	C probably	D should well
10	A can	B might	C likely	D certainly

Music Preview

It's 11 ..... that the gig by The Temples at the Golden Bowl on Friday night will be their last appearance in this country for some time. They're off on a tour of the US next month and it's 12 ..... that they'll be so successful there that they won't come back for a while. It 13 ..... be too difficult for fans to keep in touch with them, though, as they're setting up a website that will allow fans to follow them on their adventures in America. Says singer Chas Davies: 'I'm 14 ..... that the gig on Friday will be an emotional one but I 15 ..... think that all our fans here will want to give us a big send-off.'

11	A sure	B certainly	C probably	D possible
12	A definitely	B probably	C certainly	D likely
13	A doubts	B unlikely	C shouldn't	D may not well
14	A certain	B likely	C probably	D definitely
15	A may	B should	C might	D can

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C Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1 I'm sure that they've received my letter by now.
They're sure .....

2 It's likely that she was telling you the truth.
She's likely .....

3 I'm certain that he's planning something terrible.
He's certain .....

4 It's unlikely that she was upset by what you said.
She is unlikely .....

5 It's likely that he's left his office by now.
He's likely .....

6 I'm sure she's wondering where I am.
She's sure .....

7 I'm certain that he was earning a lot of money in that job.
He's certain .....

8 It's unlikely that he misunderstood what I told him.
He's unlikely .....

D Complete this letter by filling the gaps with one suitable word or a contracted form. Sometimes there may be more than one correct answer.

The European Tour

Tom

I thought I'd write you a quick note because I'm off on my travels around Europe next week and I 1 ..... think I'll have time to see you before then. I haven't completely decided where I'm going yet but I 2 ..... well go to Holland and it's 3 ..... that I'll go to Scandinavia as well. I 4 ..... whether I'll go to Britain though, because it's 5 ..... that I'll have enough time. It's 6 ..... that I'll pay a quick visit to Switzerland but I really don't know about that. I'm 7 ..... I'll be able to find good places to stay - I've got a very good guidebook - but I 8 ..... not have enough money to go to all the places I want to. I 9 ..... think I'll be back by the end of August, and I'll 10 ..... get in touch with you as soon as I get back, I promise!

Love, Alice



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