

LEVEL C1

WORKSHEET ON MODAL VERBS

Ex. A) Drag the correct verb to each of the sentences below.

doesn't had should must needn't oughtn't
might can't wouldn't wouldn't able

1. It seems the performance doesn't start until 8.30. We _____ have hurried so much after all.
2. My deadline was yesterday afternoon, which meant I _____ to have all that work done and submitted no later than 4pm.
3. You _____ as well have told us that you weren't coming. We _____ have spent so much time waiting for you.
4. You _____ have seen the look on their faces when the truth was finally revealed!
5. – Thank you for coming to my graduation ceremony. It means a lot to me.
– I _____ have missed it for the world!
6. She _____ be telling the truth; she wasn't even present at the incident.
7. You _____ to have bothered preparing so much food; you know we're all on a strict diet.
8. I wish I had been _____ to do something about this earlier!
9. They look exhausted. They _____ have been walking for the past 10 hours.
10. His doctor told him that he _____ need to be on medication any more as he has totally recovered.

Ex. B) Write a short phrase to complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the Modal given followed by the correct type of Infinitive.

- 1) It was wrong of you to talk like that and you owe them an apology.
(shouldn't)
You _____ like that, so you owe them an apology.
- 2) It will be impossible for us to finish the task in five minutes.
(able)
We _____ to finish the task in five minutes.
- 3) It is possible that it will be raining all day tomorrow.
(may)
It _____ all day tomorrow.
- 4) I find it hard to believe that this is happening.
(can't)
This _____!
- 5) My car has broken down and it is necessary to fix it immediately.
(needs)
My car _____ fixed immediately.