

Unit 16 Modal Verbs

Grammar Quiz

A Choose the correct answers.

- I am a fast reader. Now I _____ read 200 words in a minute.
Ⓐ can Ⓑ am Ⓒ can't
- I don't have a ticket. So I _____ go to the concert.
Ⓐ are Ⓑ can Ⓒ cannot
- He is very ill. He _____ run the marathon.
Ⓐ is Ⓑ cannot Ⓒ may
- You finished your homework. Now, you _____ watch TV.
Ⓐ may not Ⓑ can't Ⓒ may
- She is good at playing the piano. She _____ play music by Mozart.
Ⓐ can Ⓑ may not Ⓒ can't
- Somebody's using the computer. You _____ use it now.
Ⓐ can Ⓑ can't Ⓒ may

B Look at the underlined words and choose the wrong sentences.

- Ⓐ The man can swim very fast. He is the world champion.
Ⓑ It is raining hard. We can have a picnic outside.
Ⓒ Our teacher speaks clearly. We can understand him well.
Ⓓ I'm not busy right now. I can help you.
- Ⓐ This seat is hers. You may not sit here.
Ⓑ This is the music room. You may not sing here.
Ⓒ This is an exam. You may not talk with your friends now.
Ⓓ You may not stay up until 11 p.m. You need to wake up early tomorrow.
- Ⓐ May we go in the office? – Yes, you may.
Ⓑ Can he sing the song? – Yes, he can.
Ⓒ May I park my car here? – No, I may not.
Ⓓ Can she solve the problem? – No, she can't.

Grammar Practice

A Choose and complete the sentences using *can* or *can't*.

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1. He didn't finish his homework. He _____ his friends.
2. You finished your test. So, you _____ home now.
3. I _____ the mountain. It is too high.
4. My computer is broken. I _____ my email.
5. This printer is for staff only. You _____ it.
6. My homework is easy today. I _____ it soon.

B Complete the sentences with *may* or *may not*.

1. This is a hospital. You _____ smoke here.
2. All the food is free. You _____ eat anything you want.
3. This is the library. You _____ play games here.
4. Class is not finished. You _____ leave your seat.
5. This is a team project. You _____ choose your own partner.
6. You _____ take the magazine. It is free.

Writing Practice

Unscramble the words and write the sentences.

1. I / your pen / May / borrow _____?
2. well / Can / dance / he _____?
3. you / fast / Can / type _____?
4. the game / they / Can / win _____?
5. him / call / May / later / I _____?
6. climb / you / Can / a tree _____?