

1. Read, Listen and Repeat the modal verbs

CAN

Ability, Request

Example:

1. Julie can swim.
2. Can I come with you?

COULD

Past Ability, Suggestion, Future Possibility

Example:

1. Could I use your phone please?
2. Julie could swim when she was young.

MAY

Permission for Future Possibility

Example:

1. May I borrow your pen?
2. He may come to our place.

MIGHT

Present, Past, or Future Possibility

Example:

We might win the trophy but I doubt

MUST

Necessity or Obligation

Example:

1. You must have an identity proof to enter in the room.

OUGHT TO

What's Right & Correct

Example:

1. We might win the trophy but I doubt.

SHALL

Offer or Suggestion

Example:

1. Shall I help you?
2. Shall I call her?

SHOULD

Advice or Uncertain Prediction

Example:

1. You should check it again.
2. He should give her a call.

WILL

Willingness, Certain Prediction or Promise

Example:

1. I will go to New York.
2. It will rain today.

WOULD

Request, Invitation or Making Arrangements

Example:

1. Would you pass the pizza?

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

Babies----- sleep regularly.

You ----- enter the room without permission.

You ----- wear school uniform in this school. There isn't an obligation.
----- you help me please?

I ----- swim but my brother ----- swim well.

I ----- be careful while driving .It is foggy.

You ----- drink cold water. You ----- get ill.

Jenny ----- drive a car next year.

-Did ---you----- finish the book?

I ----- swim when I was four.

- a) can't x2
- b) will be able to
- c) could
- d) must
- e) should
- f) shouldn't
- g) have to
- h) don't have to
- i) can x 3
- j) may

B) Choose the correct Modal Verbs to Complete each Sentence.

1. If you like, I *can* / *may* make you a doctor's appointment tomorrow.
2. Passengers *should not* / *will not* smoke while on board the plane.
3. Don't let Dina climb that tree. She *might* / *can* fall.
4. You probably *mustn't* / *shouldn't* keep your passport in that pocket; it *should* / *could* easily be stolen.
5. I'm afraid Leah *can't* / *couldn't* come to the party tomorrow, as she's got the flu.
6. Oh no! It *musn't* / *can't* be seven o'clock already! Jill and Raksmei will be here in fifteen minutes!
7. I absolutely *could* / *must* leave the house by six if I want to be at the station by six-thirty.
8. Be careful, that pot's very heavy. You *shouldn't* / *could* hurt your back.
9. I want to see a movie this weekend, but I *may not* / *should not* have time.
10. If you don't study, you *won't* / *couldn't* pass your test.



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)

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.

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?-----

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| 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 |

