

Exercise 1 – Highlight the correct modal from the two choices from an article in a magazine about regrets.

Regrets

As we get older and when we think about our past, we sometimes ponder things that we should/can have done. And we also may/shall regret those things we did badly and the mistakes we made. In reality, we be able to/can always learn from our mistakes and hope to never make them again. For example, if I failed a test because of a lack of study, the next test I will/must hope to pass because of hard work. Remember too that some regrets are not based in reality, and we must/may waste time thinking that they are. Would/should I have really not have been involved in a car crash if I had been driving more slowly? After all, the other driver ought to/will have been concentrating and not playing with their radio. We have to/would be honest with ourselves and live in the now. The only things we used to/can control are the things happening now, in this moment.



Exercise 2 – Identify the type of modals used in the following sentences.

☐ 1. I should / ought to see a doctor. I have a terrible headache.

☐ 2. Smoking can cause cancer.

☐ 3. May I use your phone please?

☐ 4. You must stop when the traffic lights turn red.

☐ 5. There are no more tomatoes in the fridge. You need to buy today.

A. Ability

B. Request

C. Permission

D. Advice

E. Possibility

F. Obligation

