



MODAL VERBS REVIEW

BLOCK 1 – Obligation, Permission & Prohibition

(must / mustn't / should / shouldn't / need to / don't need to / be (not) allowed to)

EXERCISE 1 – Choose the correct option (A, B or C).

1. You _____ hand in your project today; the deadline is next week.
A) don't need to B) must C) mustn't
2. Students _____ eat in the computer room.
A) are allowed to B) must C) aren't allowed to
3. You _____ study a bit more if you want to improve.
A) should B) mustn't C) need to
4. People _____ smoke inside the building.
A) must B) mustn't C) don't need to
5. I _____ call my doctor; it's important.
A) need to B) shouldn't. C) mustn't

EXERCISE 2 – Complete with the correct modal.

(use any from the list: must / mustn't / should / shouldn't / need to / don't need to / is not allowed to)

6. You _____ wear a helmet; it's dangerous without one.
7. Visitors _____ take photos in the museum.
8. You _____ hurry; we have plenty of time.
9. Students _____ be respectful in class.
10. You _____ eat so much sugar; it's unhealthy.



BLOCK 2 – Ability in the Past (Mixed)

(could / couldn't / was/were able to / managed to / didn't manage to / succeeded in)

EXERCISE 3 – Complete the sentences using the correct modal expression.

1. She _____ swim when she was five.
2. They _____ finish the exam before time ran out.
3. I _____ hear anything; it was too noisy.
4. He finally _____ repair the old bike after two hours.
5. The team _____ scoring a goal in the last minute.
6. We _____ solve the maths problem—it was too hard.
7. She _____ win the competition after months of practice.
8. I _____ find my keys this morning; I was in a hurry.

EXERCISE 4 – Choose the correct option (A, B or C).

9. He _____ fix his phone after trying for two hours.
A) succeeded in
B) could
C) didn't manage to
10. We _____ understand the teacher because she spoke very clearly.
A) were able to
B) managed to
C) couldn't
11. When they were kids, they _____ stay home alone.
A) succeeded in
B) could
C) managed to



12. I _____ find my wallet this morning; I think I left it at home.

- A) succeeded in
- B) couldn't
- C) was able to

EXERCISE 5 – Rewrite the sentences using the word in brackets.

13. She passed the driving test after a lot of effort. (managed to)

→ _____

14. They achieved finishing the project before Friday. (succeeded in)

→ _____

15. I wasn't capable of lifting the box. (couldn't)

→ _____

BLOCK 3 – Necessity (Mixed)

EXERCISE 6 – Choose the correct option.

(didn't need to / needn't have)

1. I _____ cook; we ended up ordering food.
2. She _____ bought so many snacks; we already had plenty.
3. We _____ wait very long; the bus came quickly.
4. They _____ rushed; the concert started late.
5. He _____ brought an umbrella; it didn't rain at all.
6. You _____ print the worksheet; the teacher gave us copies.
7. I _____ wake up early; it was a holiday.
8. She _____ take a taxi; the bus arrived right away.



EXERCISE 7 – Complete the sentences.

Use: needn't have / didn't need to

9. I _____ (do something unnecessary but I did it).
10. You _____ (something wasn't necessary and you didn't do it).
11. She _____ (past unnecessary action done).
12. We _____ (past lack of necessity – not done).
13. They _____ (you did something you didn't need to).
14. He _____ (you didn't need it, so you didn't do it).
15. I _____ (bought something but it wasn't necessary).
16. She _____ (didn't have to go somewhere, so she didn't go).
17. We _____ (prepared something but it wasn't needed).
18. You _____ (something wasn't necessary for you, and you didn't do it).