

MODAL VERBS – BASIC

1. Complete each sentence with two to five words including the word in bold.

1. Perhaps Nick is at the office. **may**
Nick ...may be at the... office.
2. I don't think Mary is very happy at the moment. **can't**
Mary..... very happy at the moment.
3. I'm bored. Let's watch tv. **shall**
I'm bored.tv?
4. I'm sure those are Paula's sunglasses. **must**
Those Paula's sunglasses.
5. I advise you to stop eating fatty foods. **ought**
You fatty foods.
6. Perhaps the children are in the playground. **may**
The children playground.
7. I'm sure they come from Spain. They have got a Spanish accent. **must**
They They've got a Spanish accent.

2. Complete each sentence with two to five words including the word in bold.

1. It isn't necessary to wait for us. **have**
You... don't have to wait... for us.
2. Taking pictures inside the museum is forbidden. **must**
You inside the museum.
3. It is necessary for you to leave so early? **have**
Do so early?
4. It isn't necessary to go by taxi. I'll give you a lift. **needn't**
You by taxi. I'll give you a lift.
5. Keeping pets in the building is forbidden. **must**
You in the building.

3. Choose the correct answer.

1. I ...C... remember go to the bank. I haven't got any money.
A. don't have to B. needn't C. must
2. I take your order, please?
A. Mustn't B. Must C. May
3. you ride a bicycle?
A. Can B. Should C. May
4. Steve read and write until he was seven years old.
A. must B. could C. couldn't
5. you make diner tonight?
A. Shall B. Will C. May

6. Susan you come outside and play with me?
A. will B. shall C. may
7. You go to bed late during the week.
A. couldn't B. shall C. shouldn't
8. You to visit your grandparents more often.
A. ought to B. were able you C. shall
9. we go to the cinema at the weekend?
A. Mustn't B. May C. Shall
10. 'Where we meet?' 'At my place.'
A. must B. shall C. ought to
11. Peter go to the dentist before his toothache gets worse.
A. ought to B. shall C. can
12. You do the ironing. I'll do it instead.
A. needn't B. must C. mustn't
13. You cross the road without looking first. It's dangerous
A. needn't B. mustn't C. must

4. Choose the correct answer.

1. I ...A... understand what he was saying because he was speaking Spanish.
A. could B. can't C. can
2. Steven walk when he was one year.
A. can't B. can C. could
3. The door was locked so I do inside.
A. will be able to B. wasn't able to C. can
4. We go out for meal since we sold the car.
A. has been able to B. haven't been able to C. can
5. When I'm older I live by myself.
A. can't B. have been able to C. will be able to
6. I run faster than my brother now.
A. will be able to B. could C. can
7. Jenny type since she went to college .
A. has been able to B. can C. can't
8. Ihear very well. Please speak louder.
A. am able to B. can C. can't
9. We arrived at the shop just as it was closing so we do our shopping.
A. are able to B. can C. couldn't
10. My brother drive yet. He's too young.
A. can B. can't C. couldn't

5. Rewrite the sentences using modal verbs, as in the example.

1. It isn't necessary for her to wear a suit to the office.
She needn't / doesn't have to wear a suit to the office.

2. You aren't allowed to take those books out of the library.

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3. It is possible that Mark will be at home this evening.

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4. Would you like me to make some sandwiches for you?

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5. I advise you to leave early.

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6. Emily managed to find job after looking for six months.

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7. I'm sure Paul isn't from Canada.

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8. We are obliged to take exams every six months.

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9. I'm sure the children aren't happy with your decision.

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10. Perhaps we will go to Florida on holiday

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