

Phrasal Modals and Modals Overview Practice Answer Key

*Directions: Add **to** when it is necessary. Write **x** when to is not necessary.*

1. Sherry is able **to** run a mile in under 4 minutes.
2. Would he **x** give me a ride home?
3. You had better **x** leave earlier because there is a lot of traffic at this time.
4. Annie can **x** bake very well, so everyone asks her to make something every week.
5. He has got **to** talk to his girlfriend about the problem.
6. We ought **to** watch the video again. I didn't see that funny part.
7. Should Jake **x** get a new pair of glasses? Her old glasses have a lot of scratches.
8. You may **x** go to the restroom, but hurry up!
9. The babies have **to** sleep now. It's their nap time.
10. Tomorrow, I will **x** fly home for the party.

Directions: Fill in the correct form of the modal/phrasal modal.

Example: The computer has to scan (have to scan) the file for viruses.

1. You **have to cut** (have to cut) the grass. It is getting too long!
2. You **must wear** (must wear) your seatbelt when you drive.
3. Jane isn't going to the party because she **has got to take** (have got to take) care of her sick son.
4. We **ought to buy** (ought to buy) a lottery ticket. The prize is \$150 million!
5. The teachers **should discuss** (should discuss) the classroom rules with the students at the beginning of the school term.
6. He has many talents. He **is able to play** (be able to play) many sports, draw, cook, sing, fly an airplane, and make online games!
7. The party **has got to finish** (have got to finish) by 10pm because we have to rush to the airport after.
8. Smartphones **are able to do** (be able to do) anything these days. How did people live without them before?
9. When winter comes in Chicago, you **have to wear** (have to wear) a long, thick jacket. It's freezing!
10. You **ought to say** (ought to say) thank you when someone does something nice for you.