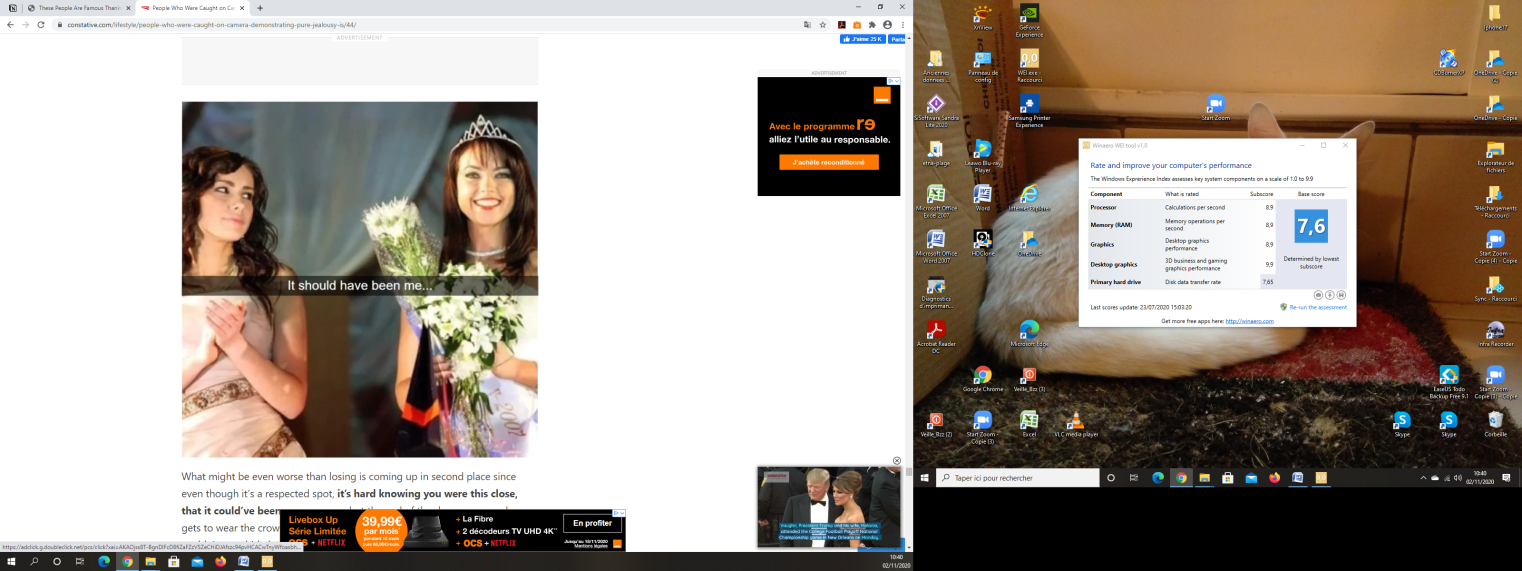
**MODALS and SEMI-MODALS**

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They are used with other verbs to express ability, obligation, possibility, and so on

**1/ PURE MODALS (9= MMMWWSSCC)**

Affirmative: S+MODAL + INF: I must go / S+MODAL+HAVE +PP: He should have listened to my advice

Negative: S+ MODAL +NOT + INF: you should not drink beer / S+MODAL+NOT + HAVE +PP: He should not have taken back his cheating girlfriend

Interrogative: MODAL + S+INF: must I go? / MODAL+S+ HAVE +PP: He should not have taken back his cheating girlfriend

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|  | **SIMPLE (+ INF)** | **PERFECT MODAL (HAVE + PP)** |
| **MAY** | to express possibility 30% / to request permission  I *may* be home late / *May* I sit down, please?  Past: might | **MAY HAVE +PP:** Past supposed action probability 30%  **(il a probablement +pp)**  **He has just bought a brand new car. He may have been promoted** |
| **MIGHT** | Small probability 10%  I might move to Canada some day | **MIGHT HAVE+PP:** Past supposed action probability 10%  **(il a peut-être +pp)**  **I don’t know at all. Your parents might have hit it off in College** |
| **MUST** | to express obligation/ to express strong belief  I *must* go now /She *must* be over 90 years old.  Past & future : to have to | **MUST HAVE+PP:** Past quasi-certainty supposed action probability 99%  **(il a sûrement +pp)**  **He’s late! He must have missed the train** |
| **WOULD** | to request or offer/ in if-sentences C2 /past: habit  *Would* you like a cup of tea?/If I were you, I *would* say sorry/  When I was young, I would play soccer | **WOULD HAVE+PP: past** desired action unaccomplished (0%) because of external reasons/ Conditional 3  **(il aurait aimé +inf)**  **I would have visited my grand-father. But it was impossible because of the rain** |
| **WILL** | Future/ Promise  Joe will travel to NY next week/ Yes I will! | **No** |
| **SHALL** | Contractual obligation/ Offer, suggestion  his company shall pay on January 1st/ Shall I clean it? | **No** |
| **SHOULD** | to give advice/ moral obligation / situation expected  You *should* stop smoking / you *should* visit your Grand-Mother / My sister should be in her room right now | **SHOULD HAVE+PP:** 0% accomplishment Past missed &regretted & logically expected action expressed **(il aurait dû +inf)**  **You should have listened to his advice. Now you’re in trouble** |
| **CAN** | to express ability /to request permission  I *can* speak a little Russian/ *Can* I open the window?.  Past : could/ past future : to be able to | **CAN’T HAVE+PP:** Past quasi-certainty supposed non accomplished action  probability accomplishment 1%. **(il n’a pas pu +inf)** Opposite of must have.  **She can’t have passed such a difficult exam** |
| **COULD** | to express ability in the past/ unreal at present time, condit.  I *could* speak a little Russian when I was young/  I could go if I had time | **COULD HAVE+PP**: Past optional action unfulfilled (0%), supposition **(il aurait pu inf)**  **I could have fired him, but I spared him: He worked a lot at the end of the project** |

**2/ SEMI-MODALS (4)**

Why? 2 features 1/possible: negative using not and interrogative using inversion 2/like a normal verb: S +SEMI-MOD + to + Verb

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| **Semi-Modal** | **Meaning** | **Example** |
| Need (to) | Necessity | We really needed to talk to you |
| Dare (to) | To express doing an action without fear | I dare to go in so-called haunted houses |
| Ought to | Strong advice | You ought to call this manager for your career |
| Used to | Frequent action in the past | I used to play tennis twice a week |

Need: do you need to go there? You needn’t go there? You didn’t need to go there? you needed help 🡪 possibly used like a traditional verb (with do/ don’t + to)

Dare: How dare you? They dare not speak. They don’t dare (to) shout. They dared (to) smoke🡪 possibly used like a traditional verb (with do/ don’t +to)

Ought: We **ought*n’t*** to leave the house; it isn’t safe (neg form ought not to + V) / Ought we to be more worried about the environment? 🡪 “don’t” not possible

Used: Did you use to play soccer? I didn’t use to like coffee 🡪 negative: “didn’t” is mandatory

**3/ PRACTISE**

1.My cat \_\_\_ be at home by now. Where can she be? a. Have to b. would c. should d. Could

2.I think your thumb is broken. You \_\_\_ go to the emergency room. a. Might b. could c. ought to d. Can

3.If you are interested in losing weight, you \_\_\_\_\_\_ try this new diet. a. Could b. mustn’t c. don’t have to d. had to

4.John’s fallen down the stairs! I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ call an ambulance! a. Will b. might c. may d. ought to

5.You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come too early. We won’t leave until 9 o’clock. a. Has to b. Must c. needn’t d. can’t

6.Children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be accompanied by an adult at the zoo. a. Ought to b. must c. would d. mustn’t

7.You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ talk during tests. It’s forbidden! a. don’t have to b. mustn’t c. couldn’t d. ought to

8.I can feel the heat. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be near the fire. a. Can b. would c. must d. have to

9.They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hear him because he was whispering. a. Wouldn’t b. mustn’t c. shouldn’t d. couldn’t

10.You’ve never heard of Britney Spears? You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be serious! a. Must b. had to c. can’t d. shouldn’t

11.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you like to have dinner with me tonight? a. Could b. May c. should d. Would

12.You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ let him hear about the party tomorrow. It’s a surprise! a. mustn’t b. wouldn’t c. couldn’t d. can

13.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I speak to the Chief Councellor, please? a. Must b. May c. Would d. Need

14.He has arrived late. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ missed the bus a. Must have b. Should have c. Could have d. must

TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH USING MODAL OR SEMI-MODAL VERBS

15 Il aurait dû m’écouter, maintenant il est dans de beaux draps.

16 Tu n’étais pas obligé de l’aider pour son déménagement 17 il ne pourra pas gagner le match, il ne s’entraîne pas suffisamment

17 Il aurait aimé dire au revoir à ses parents à l’aéroport, mais il n’a pas pu à cause de son emploi du temps

18 Il aurait pu livrer le cambrioleur à la police, mais il l’a laissé repartir. 18 bis avec son cancer, il aurait dû mourir depuis longtemps.

19 Je ne suis vraiment pas sûr, il a peut-être laissé son téléphone sur le lavabo.

20 Il n’a pas sa montre avec lui, il l’a probablement laissée sur le lavabo.

20.bis il n’a pas pu terminer son travail aussi rapidement : on m’a dit qu’il était lent.

**STEP 0: MATCH THE MODAL PERFECT FORM WITH THE MEANING**

1/ My brother may have visited Grandma

2/ My brother might have visited Grandma

3/ My brother must have visited Grandma

4/ My brother would have visited Grandma

5/ My brother should have visited Grandma

6/ My brother can’t have visited Grandma

7/ My brother could have visited Grandma

**A/ My brother did not visit Grandma because of his laziness, now, he is blamed for that by the whole family, it was his duty!.**

**B/ My brother pretends he did visit Grandma, but according to me he lies to us because he was abroad**

**C/ I don’t know whether he visited Grandma or not. The probability he did it is 10%**

**D/ My brother really wanted to visit Grandma, but he could not do it because of an external reason baring him from doing it.**

**E/ I don’t know whether my brother visited Grandma or not. The probability he did it is 30%**

**F/ I am almost sure that my brother visited Grandma, but I have no proof.**

**G/ My brother had the opportunity to visit Grandma, but he decided to do otherwise**

**STEP 1: CHOOSE THE CORRECT FORM:**

21 Did Marvin's cat pass away? He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ felt really sad.

couldn't have

should have

must have

might have

22 Why did my son become a low paying circus clown when he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ become a wealthy lawyer?

couldn't have

must have

shouldn't have

could have

23 If we had known about the lecture, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attended it.

couldn't have

must have

would have

shouldn't have

24 I called the Stevensons, but no one answered. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gone to the country.

shouldn't have

mustn't have

might have

would have

25 Those cool musicians play beautifully together. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practiced a lot.

couldn't have

must have

should have

would have

26 Dan passed his exams with excellent grades, despite not having prepared for it.

a) The exam must have been very difficult.

b) The exam can't have been very difficult.

27 The police knew every detail of their phone conversation.

a) They can't have done some wiretapping.

b) They must have done some wiretapping.

28 Christie did the opposite of what I asked her to do.

a) She can't have understood what I said.

b) She must have understood what I said.

29 When I got home last evening, I found my door smashed.

a) Someone can't have broken in.

b) Someone must have broken in.

**STEP 2: COMPLETE WITH MODAL PERFECT VERBS:**

30 Gloria has won every game she's played today. She (practice) a lot.

31 I don't have anything to wear today. I (do) the laundry.

32 Jack lost his wallet on the way to work. He (lose) it on the bus.

33 You did very well on the exam. You (study) a lot.

34 The Smiths (build) their house anywhere. Why did he choose here?

35 It's hot in here today. I (wear) a heavy sweater today.

36 You (feed) your dog. He has been hungry all day.

37 Lucy shouldn't have stood on the broken chair. She (fall).

38 I (buy) more milk. I am almost out.

39 I didn't do very well on the test.I (spend) more time studying.