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## Modal verbs

### Exercise 1

Complete the sentences using the correct modal verb. There may be more than one possible answer:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ [can/could] swim when I was three years old.
2. Where is Kate? She \_\_\_\_\_ [should/shouldn't/] be home by now.
3. It is very dark in here. I \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't/can't/] see you very well.
4. In my opinion, they \_\_\_\_\_ [should/shouldn't] go to Portugal, not Italy.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't/must] tell her about the surprise party.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ [Must/Can] I speak to Mr. Smith, please?
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ [don't have to/have to] wait outside the restaurant. There aren't any empty tables.

### Exercise 2

Complete the sentences using modal verbs:

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't/could/should/has to] listen to your parents. They want the best for you.
2. The weather forecast says it \_\_\_\_\_ [can/mustn't/has to/may] rain tomorrow morning.
3. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ [has to/should/can/could] play basketball better three years ago.
4. Danger! You \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't/may/can/has to] touch the lamp post.
5. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ [can/may/could/has to] play chess really well.
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ [may/has to/mustn't/should] do her homework for tomorrow. It's compulsory.

### Exercise 3

Complete the sentences with can or could:

1. Steve \_\_\_\_\_ [can/could/] tie his shoes by himself.
2. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ [can/could] play the piano when she was young.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ [Can/Could/] I help you to set the table?
4. George \_\_\_\_\_ [can/could] come to the party tonight.

5. She \_\_\_\_\_ [could/can] sing better before her nose operation.

#### Exercise 4

**Fill the gaps with can, can't, could or couldn't:**

1. Yesterday was a very nice day. We \_\_\_\_\_ [can't/can/could] play outdoors.
2. That shelf is too high. I \_\_\_\_\_ [could/can/can't] reach it.
3. When Alice was on vacation, she \_\_\_\_\_ [can/could/can't] stay up late everynight.
4. Barbara \_\_\_\_\_ [can't/can/could] play the harmonica and the piano at the same time. She was very talented.
5. It is too noisy. I \_\_\_\_\_ [could/can't/can] hear a thing.
6. Tom missed the bus because he \_\_\_\_\_ [could/can't/couldn't/Can] run fast enough.
7. Andrew is a terrible dancer. He \_\_\_\_\_ [Can/couldn't/can't/could] dance well.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ [could/Can/couldn't/can't] climb the mountain. It was too dangerous!
9. I don't know how to do this. \_\_\_\_\_ [couldn't/can't/Can/could] you help me?
10. When he was younger he \_\_\_\_\_ [Can/could/couldn't/can't] run very fast.

#### Exercise 5

**Complete the sentences with must or mustn't and the verbs below:**

**TRY - WEAR - BUY - WALK - KILL**

1. George's shoes are too small.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't walk/must buy/mustn't wear/must try] new shoes.
2. Tigers are endangered animals  
People \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't kill/mustn't walk/mustn't wear/must try] them for their fur.
3. Short dresses and miniskirts are against school rules.  
Students \_\_\_\_\_ [must try/mustn't wear/mustn't walk/mustn't kill] miniskirts at school.
4. The gymnasium has got a special floor.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't wear/mustn't kill/must try/mustn't walk] on it in high heels.
5. That tracksuit is too expensive.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't wear/mustn't walk/must buy/must try] to find something cheaper.

### Exercise 6

**Complete the sentences with should or shouldn't:**

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ [should/shouldn't] go swimming after a big meal.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ [shouldn't/should] take a jacket. It's cold outside!
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ [should/shouldn't] clean the house, but I'm very tired.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ [shouldn't/should] eat a lot of chocolate. It isn't good for us.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ [shouldn't/should] play basketball. It's a great sport.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ [should/shouldn't] push the other children.

### Exercise 7

**Choose the correct answer:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [Could/Can] Dam ride a bike last year?
2. That's the pizza for Sarah's party tonight. We \_\_\_\_\_ [mustn't/can/] eat it.
3. This cake is good! \_\_\_\_\_ [Should/Can] I have another piece, please?
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ [shouldn't/couldn't] buy fish. They don't like fish!
5. We haven't got any food at home. We \_\_\_\_\_ [shouldn't/must/] go to the supermarket.

### Exercise 8

**Choose the correct answer:**

1. It's very hot. You \_\_\_\_\_ [couldn't/must/should/can't] drink some water.
2. Last year, he \_\_\_\_\_ [should/must/couldn't/can't] read , but he reads well now.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ [can't/should/Can/couldn't] I have some more cake? It's really good!
4. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ [must/couldn't/Can/can't] swim, so he mustn't go into the water.
5. Students \_\_\_\_\_ [should/couldn't/must/can't] do their homework.