

## Unit 3. Lesson 5

### Modal verbs

#### **Exercise 1 – Fill in the blanks with the correct modals**

1. I \_\_ arrange the flowers for the bouquet. (may/can)
2. \_\_ I borrow this pen from you? (may/might)
3. The teacher \_\_ ask you to bring the homework. (might/can)
4. According to the weather forecast, it \_\_ snow heavily tomorrow. (may/shall)
5. Raj hasn't studied well. He \_\_ fail his exam. (might/shall)
6. You \_\_ follow the traffic rules. (may/must)
7. It \_\_ be difficult to live amidst war. (should/must)
8. My mother \_\_ scold me if I don't go back on time. (will/may)
9. We \_\_ take care of our parents. (ought to/ could)
10. I \_\_ visit the local grocery store soon. (shall/can)
11. You \_\_ be punctual. (should/ought)
12. One \_\_ repay all their debts. (must/ought to)
13. \_\_ you show me the road to the market? (could/might)
14. The child \_\_ be taken to hospital immediately. (must/might)
15. \_\_ you have hot chocolate? (shall/will)

#### **Exercise 2 – Identify the modal verb in the following sentences**

1. My teacher (can/must) speak four languages.
2. (May/should) I use your mobile to call my mother?
3. You (must/could) not speak loudly in the hospital.
4. I (could/must) use a little help in packing all these clothes.
5. Madam (could/may) you repeat what you said?
6. I (can/might) not be able to make it tonight.
7. Sheldon (ought to/must) study more if he wants to pass the test.
8. (Can/May) you come to the prom with me?
9. My parents (shall/ought to) arrive soon.
10. I (could/must) be late as I have a lot on my plate.

11. Leonard (can/may) easily solve the problem.
12. It (might/should) rain tomorrow.
13. (May/might) all your wishes come true in life.
14. I (could/might) not be any happier.

### Exercise 3

Choose all the correct modal verbs of deduction for each gap below. In some sentences there are TWO possible correct answers.

1. Paul is behaving in a very unusual way. I think he \_\_\_\_\_ again.
  - a. can't drink
  - b. can be drinking
  - c. might be drinking
2. I think there \_\_\_\_\_ a mistake in your tax return. You should check it. Choose TWO correct options
  - a. can't be
  - b. might be
  - c. may be
3. If Suzan said that, it \_\_\_\_\_ true. She never lies.
  - a. might be
  - b. must be
  - c. can be
4. Sorry, but I'm not Connor. You \_\_\_\_\_ me for someone else.
  - a. might be confusing
  - b. must confuse
  - c. must be confusing
5. I'm not sure I trust Peter. He \_\_\_\_\_ the person we think he is.
  - a. might not be
  - b. can't be
  - c. must not be
6. You have been walking for ten hours. You \_\_\_\_\_ exhausted.

a.can be

b.can't be

c.must be

7. He \_\_\_\_\_ his son, they look completely different.

a.might be

b.can't be

c.must not be

8. There's a bit of traffic, so I \_\_\_\_\_ arrive in time. Choose TWO correct options

a.might not

b.must not

c.may not

9. He \_\_\_\_\_ be very proud of you right now. You disappointed him.

a.must not

b.can't

c.might

10. I wouldn't swim in this river if I were you. It \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous. Choose TWO correct options

a.might be

b.may be

c.can be

**Exercise 4.** Complete the dialogues with *must*, *might*, *might not* or *can't*.

Dialogue 1

A: Someone is knocking at the door.

B: It 1\_\_\_\_\_ be the pizza delivery man. I ordered a pizza.

A: I know you ordered a pizza. But it 2\_\_\_\_\_ be him, because you ordered the pizza five minutes ago.

B: Yes, you are right. Then it 3\_\_\_\_\_ be your sister.

A: No, it 4\_\_\_\_\_ be my sister, she's out of town.

B: Well, then just open the door; it 5\_\_\_\_\_ be important.

## Dialogue 2

A: Why don't you tell me what the matter is with you?

B: Well, I should tell you something and I think you 6\_\_\_\_\_ like it.

A: Come on! Tell me what it is. It 7\_\_\_\_\_ be that bad.

B: I don't know. I'm afraid you 8\_\_\_\_\_ react badly.

A: Then I'm sure it 9\_\_\_\_\_ be serious. Please, tell me.

B: I saw Lindsey holding hands with another man.

A: What?

B: Please, I know you 10\_\_\_\_\_ be upset right now, but...

A: Dude, Lindsey and I broke up more than a year ago. Didn't you know?

## LISTENING TASK

1. Carol: I'm worried about him. We \_\_\_\_\_ something. He's been depressed for months.

2. Jake: Oh you know George. He's changeable like the weather. He \_\_\_\_\_ next week.

3. Carol: Jake, he's your brother and \_\_\_\_\_ worried about him. Aren't you?

4. Jake: Yes, I am, but you know how independent he is. We can't help him if he doesn't want it, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

5. Carol: Well, I feel guilty. He is family after all. We \_\_\_\_\_ problems in the family or they will just get bigger. I know that from my own family.

6. Carol: No, you don't have to do that, but he \_\_\_\_\_ things with other people that he knows.

7. Carol: Of course. You know, if you take George out, he \_\_\_\_\_ somebody.

8. Carol: Well, he \_\_\_\_\_ new in his terrible apartment, can he? Watching baseball 24 hours a day.

9. Carol: George should \_\_\_\_\_ his ex-wife and remember he's still a young man!

## **Asking questions**

*What are modals?*

*Are 'could' and 'might' same as 'can' and 'may'?*