

Modal verbs

ABILITY

She **can** speak six languages.

They **couldn't** dance very well.



PERMISSION



Can I go to the concert? Yes, you can.

Could I leave early tonight? No, you couldn't.

You **may** use your mobiles now.

PROHIBITION

You **can't** eat in the class.

You **mustn't** smoke in this building.



OBLIGATION



We **must** recycle to save the planet!

You **have to** do homework until Thursday.

NO OBLIGATION

You **don't have to** wear uniforms in your school.

He **doesn't have to** wash the dishes. I've already done it.



GIVING ADVICE



You **must** see a doctor.

You **shouldn't** eat so much chocolate.

I. Write the correct modal verb:

1. I _____ ride a bike. I always fall off.
a. may not b. can't c. don't have to
2. You look sick, you _____ see a doctor.
a. should b. can c. may
3. Remember, you are in a library. You _____ speak loudly.
a. must b. mustn't c. don't have to
4. Don't forget to take an umbrella. It _____ rain later.
a. may not b. can't c. might
5. We _____ chew gum in class.
a. shouldn't b. must c. don't have to
6. You _____ make pancakes. I've already made some.
a. may not b. can't c. don't have to
7. Students _____ take exams twice a year.
a. can b. must c. may
8. Sorry, I _____ come yesterday.
a. didn't have to b. can't c. couldn't
9. Students _____ borrow up to four books at a time.
10. You really _____ smoke.
11. Tim _____ go to school tomorrow. It's Sunday.
12. _____ you help me with my homework, please?
13. I _____ go out tonight. I'm babysitting my little cousins.
14. We _____ hurry. I don't want to be late again.
15. _____ you play swim as a child? No, I _____.
16. He _____ speak Spanish fluently. He's been there for only a week.
17. She's got plenty of time, so she _____ hurry.
18. You _____ leave now if you wish.
19. _____ you open the window a bit, please?
20. _____ you play the guitar?
21. You _____ practice more if you want to take part in the marathon.
22. You _____ say things like that to your sister.

Well done!