

Modal Verbs Exercises

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1. Modal verbs do not function without another verb.

TRUE

FALSE

2. 'Could' is used to talk about...

...ability in the present time.

...ability in the past.

...ability in the future.

3. The sentence 'I will help you with the laundry' is an example of...

Promise.

Prediction.

Offer.

4. 'Might' and 'May' have a very similar meaning.

TRUE

FALSE

5. Which of the following sentences is more polite?

May I open the window?

Can I open the window?

Shall I open the window?

6. Which of the following Modal verbs is used to make promises?

May.

Will.

Must.

7. We can use was/were able to instead of Could.

TRUE

FALSE

8. 'Should' and 'Ought to' have very different meanings.

TRUE

FALSE

9. Which of the following Modals is used to give advice?

Will.

Should.

Could.

10. 'Would' can be used in Conditional sentences.

TRUE

FALSE

11. Which of the following Modals is used to make polite requests?

Would.

Can.

Will.

12. Which of the following sentences refers to a personal obligation?

You don't have to smoke in public areas.

I must go to bed early.

They have to study.

13. The negative form of Must is Mustn't.

TRUE

FALSE

14. 'Could' is the past form of 'Should'.

TRUE

FALSE

15. The verb after the Modal verb is generally written in the...

Past form.

Infinitive form.

Present form.

16. Which of the following sentences is a request?

Will we time travel in the future?

Can you help me with the baby, please?
Should I go to the doctor?

17. Which of the following Modals would you use to give advice?

Should.

Could.

May.

18. Which of the following sentences refers to moral duty?

I shall never wear it.

It may snow tomorrow.

You ought to visit your aunt tomorrow.

19. 'Must' is used to make rhetorical questions.

TRUE

FALSE

20. 'Will' and 'Shall' have the same meaning but 'Will' is more formal.

TRUE

FALSE

Correct Answers

1. TRUE
2. ...ability in the past.
3. Offer.
4. TRUE
5. May I open the window?
6. Will.
7. TRUE
8. FALSE
9. Should.
10. TRUE
11. Would.
12. I must go to bed early.
13. TRUE
14. FALSE
15. Infinitive form.
16. Can you help me with the baby, please?
17. Should.
18. You ought to visit your aunt tomorrow.
19. TRUE
20. FALSE