

MODALS – Exercises

A. Make sentences from the verbs in brackets:

1. Don't phone them now. (might/ lunch)
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2. I ate too much, now I feel sick. (should/eat/much)
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3. I wonder why Tom didn't phone me. (must/ forget)
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4. Why did you go home so early? (need/go/home so early)
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5. You've signed the contract (it/ can/ change/now)
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6. What's Linda doing? I'm not sure (might/ watch TV)
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7. Laura was standing outside the cinema (must/ wait/ somebody)
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8. He was in prison at the time that the crime was committed. (could/ do it)
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9. Why weren't you here earlier. (should/be/here earlier)
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10. Why didn't you ask me to help you? (would/ help/ you)
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11. I'm not surprised you weren't told that the road was dangerous.
(should/warn/ about it)
.....
12. Gary was in a strange mood yesterday. (might/feel/very well)
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B. Complete B's sentences using can/could/might/must/should/would in different forms:

1. A: I'm hungry.
B: But you've just had lunch. You **can't be** hungry already.
2. A: I haven't seen our neighbours for ages.
B: No, they away (go).
3. A: What's the weather like? Is it raining?
B: Not at the moment, but it later.. (rain)
4. A: Where has Julia gone?
B: I'm not sure. She to the bank. (go)
5. A: I didn't see you at Michael's party last week.
B: No, I had to work that night, so I (go)
6. A: I saw you at Michael's party last week.

- B: No, you me. I didn't go to Michael's party. (see)
7. A: What time will we get to Sue's house?
B: Well, it takes about one and half hours, so if we leave at three o'clock, we there by 4,30. (get)
8. A: When was the last time you saw Bill?
B: Years ago. I him if I saw him now. (recognise)
9. A: Did you hear the explosion?
B: What explosion?
A: There was a loud explosion about an hour ago. You it. (hear).
10. A: We weren't sure which way to go. In the end, we turned right.
B: You went the wrong way. You left. (turn)

C. Complete each sentence with a suitable word or phrase:

1. Don't worry that Carol is late, she **might/could have** missed the train.
2. I begged David to accept some money, but he..... hear it.
3. That was a lucky escape! You been killed!
4. It was supposed to be a secret! You told her!
5. I spent last week at the beach because I didn't go to school.
6. The plane is late. It landed by now.
7. You met my brother. I haven't got one.
8. There is only one solution. The butler done it.
9. It was lovely. We a better holiday.
10. So it was you who set off the fire alarm for a joke! I known!
11. You mad if you think I'm going to lend you any more money.
12. I happy to see him, but I didn't have time.
13. Why isn't Tim here yet? It be because his mother is ill again?
14. If I hadn't come along at that moment, Jim the one arrested instead of the real thief.
15. Jenny leave the hospital only six hours after the baby was born.
16. The car broke down and we a taxi.
17. You whisper. Nobody can hear us.
18. Although he didn't have a ticket, Ken come in.

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D. Make sentences from the verbs in brackets:

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They might be having lunch.

14. I ate too much, now I feel sick. (should/eat/much)

I shouldn't have eaten so much.

15. I wonder why Tom didn't phone me. (must/ forget)

He must have forgotten.

16. Why did you go home so early? (need/go/home so early)

You needn't have gone home so early.

17. You've signed the contract (it/ can/ change/now)

It can't be changed now.

18. What's Linda doing? I'm not sure (might/ watch TV)

She may be watching television.

19. Laura was standing outside the cinema (must/ wait/ somebody)

She must have been waiting for somebody.

20. He was in prison at the time that the crime was committed. (could/ do it)

He couldn't have done it.

21. Why weren't you here earlier. (should/be/here earlier)

You should have been here earlier.

22. Why didn't you ask me to help you? (would/ help/ you)

I would have helped you.

23. I'm not surprised you weren't told that the road was dangerous.

(should/warn/ about it)

You should have been warned about it.

24. Gary was in a strange mood yesterday. (might/feel/very well)

He might not have been feeling/have felt well.

E. Complete B's sentences using can/could/might/must/should/would in different forms:

11. A: I'm hungry.

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12. A: I haven't seen our neighbours for ages.

B: No, they **must have gone** away (go).

13. A: What's the weather like? Is it raining?

B: Not at the moment, but it **could/might rain** later.. (rain)

14. A: Where has Julia gone?

B: I'm not sure. She **might/could have gone** to the bank. (go)

15. A: I didn't see you at Michael's party last week.

B: No, I had to work that night, so I **couldn't go** . (go)

16. A: I saw you at Michael's party last week.

B: No, you **can't/couldn't have seen** me. I didn't go to Michael's party.
(see)

17.A: What time will we get to Sue's house?

B: Well, it takes about one and half hours, so if we leave at three o'clock, we **should get** there by 4,30. (get)

18.A: When was the last time you saw Bill?

B: Years ago. I **might not/wouldn't recognise** him if I saw him now.
(recognise)

19.A: Did you hear the explosion?

B: What explosion?

A: There was a loud explosion about an hour ago. You **must have heard** it. (hear).

20.A: We weren't sure which way to go. In the end, we turned right.

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34. The car broke down and we **had to get** a taxi.

35. You **needn't/ don't have to** whisper. Nobody can hear us.

36. Although he didn't have a ticket, Ken **was allowed to** come in.