

Tests

A Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- You're 18! You're _____ to be able to look after yourself by now.
a have b ought c should d supposed
- A permit is a document which states that you _____ to do something.
a are allowed b cannot c may d shall
- He _____ have helped us if he'd really wanted to.
a could b may c must d will
- My computer _____ be old, but it still works really well.
a can b could c may d would
- _____ someone please tell me where the library is?
a Can b May c Must d Should

B Identify the one underlined expression (A, B, C or D) that must be changed in order to correct the sentence.

- They say it can be going to rain later so you should take an umbrella or you might get wet.
A B C D
- I was going to ask you if you would read over my essay before I have to hand it in, but when you read it, you ought not be too critical or negative.
A B C D
- His right hand may have been badly injured and he probably won't be able to type, so I thought that I will offer to do some typing for him.
A B C D
- Andy was so generous. If I asked him, 'Could I borrow your car?', he would always say, 'Of course, you could!' and he would immediately start looking for the keys.
A B C D
- I really wish I would have a car of my own so that I could go for a drive in the country and I would be able to go when I want to and not have to wait for a bus or a train.
A B C D

C Combine one modal and one verb phrase to fill each space in this text.

can may not must be charged be paid be used
will won't be familiar be required

Note: Credit cards are used instead of cash, interest is charged and part payment is allowed. Charge cards are used instead of cash, but no interest is charged and full payment is required.

As a new customer of the bank, you (1) _____ with the difference between a charge card and a credit card. Both cards (2) _____ instead of cash in most places to pay for goods and services. Later, when you receive your charge card bill, the total (3) _____ in full every time. However, when you receive your monthly credit card bill, you (4) _____ to pay the total amount. If you choose to pay only part of the bill, you (5) _____ interest on the amount not paid.

D Complete each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.

- Students may not park here.
Students are _____
- It's possible that his trip was cancelled at the last minute.
His trip may _____
- She had to get up at five every morning and she didn't enjoy it.
She didn't enjoy _____
- It was impossible for him to have committed the crime, according to the report.
He _____
- It was a bad idea to put this shirt in the washing machine.
This shirt _____

E Complete this text with these words.

be able to couldn't might was able to would (x2)
be willing to had to should was going to

'Hello! Mr Appleton!'

The voice was some distance behind him. He stopped raking the leaves and turned to see two women struggling up the driveway towards him. They were wearing identical white T-shirts which had MADD in large black letters across the front. He had a sudden strange thought that they (1) _____ be crazy people who (2) _____ spell. But they didn't look crazy. As they came closer, he (3) _____ make out smaller letters under each of the big letters, spelling out the words 'Mothers Against Drunk Driving'.

'I'm so glad we found you. I'm Nettie Albright and this is Agnes Miller.'

He shook their outstretched hands. Agnes was wearing thin gloves.

'We talked to your wife this morning and she's the one who told us we (4) _____

(5) _____ find you here. She said she hadn't really witnessed the accident, but you

had. We were hoping you (6) _____ (7) _____ testify.' She

(8) _____ stop and take a deep breath.

'You mean the car crash?'

'Yes, exactly, the crash. We need witnesses. That awful man says it wasn't his fault. He

(9) _____ be taken out and shot! He's a menace to society. We need your help to put him away.'

It had happened one early evening in July. I (10) _____ just _____

cross the street when a car came racing through the red light, narrowly missing me, but smashing into another car in the middle of the junction. The woman in that car died. When the man who hit her turned out to be very drunk, it all changed from being an accident to being a criminal case.

MODALS - key

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A 1 d 2 a 3 a 4 c 5 a

B 1 A (may) 2 D (ought not to be)
3 D (would) 4 C (can) 5 A (had)

C 1 may not be familiar
2 can be used
3 must be paid
4 won't be required
5 will be charged

D 1 Students are not allowed to park here. (OR
Students are not permitted to park here.)
2 His trip may have been cancelled at the last
minute.
3 She didn't enjoy having to get up at five
every morning.
4 He couldn't have committed the crime,
according to the report.

5 This shirt shouldn't have been (OR ought
not to have been) put in the washing
machine.

E 1 might* 2 couldn't
3 was able to 4 would
5 be able to 6 would*
7 be willing to 8 had to
9 should 10 was ... going to

*1 and 6 can be exchanged.