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Basics. Modal verbs to convey necessity, possibility, permission, or ability.

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1. Which of the following sentences expresses that it was necessary for the speaker to go to the dentist yesterday?

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** I should have gone to the dentist yesterday.
- **B)** I had to go to the dentist yesterday.
- **C)** I might have gone to the dentist yesterday.
- **D)** I could have gone to the dentist yesterday.

2. Which of the following sentences suggests that it is not a good idea to stay up late?

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** You shouldn't stay up late.
- **B)** You mustn't stay up late.
- **C)** You couldn't stay up late.
- **D)** You mightn't stay up late.

3. Which of the following sentences expresses that it is true that Sarah is very intelligent?

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** Sarah must be very intelligent.
- **B)** Sarah might very intelligent.
- **C)** Sarah will be very intelligent.
- **D)** Sarah could be very intelligent.

4. Choose the correct sentences to express that it is possible that John will visit us this weekend.

Answers:

Select all that apply.

- **A)** John may visit us this weekend.
- **B)** John can visit us this weekend.
- **C)** John might visit us this weekend.
- **D)** John should visit us this weekend.

5. Choose the correct sentence to express that it is possible that you will not go to the cinema tonight.

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** I mustn't go to the cinema tonight.
- **B)** I might not go to the cinema tonight.
- **C)** I can't go to the cinema tonight.
- **D)** I shouldn't go to the cinema tonight.

6. Which of the following sentences is the correct way to ask someone to open the window?

Answers:

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Can you open the window, please?
- **B)** Could you opened the window, please?
- **C)** Should you open the window, please?
- **D)** Might you open the window, please?

7. Choose the correct sentence to express that it is possible that it will rain tomorrow, but the weather forecast says it will be sunny.

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** It might rain tomorrow, but the weather forecast says it is going to be sunny.
- **B)** It must rain tomorrow, but the weather forecast says it is going to be sunny.
- **C)** It can rain tomorrow, but the weather forecast says it is going to be sunny.
- **D)** It should rain tomorrow, but the weather forecast says it is going to be sunny.

8. Which of the following sentences expresses that it is necessary for the speaker to finish their work?

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** I should finish my work.
- **B)** I have to finish my work.
- **C)** I might finish my work.
- **D)** I could finish my work.

9. Which of the following sentences is the correct way to ask someone if they can lend you a pen?

Answers:

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Should you lend me a pen, please?
- **B)** Might you lend me a pen, please?
- **C)** Could you lend me a pen, please?
- **D)** Can you lent me a pen, please?

10. Which of the following sentences suggests that it is a good idea to eat breakfast?

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** You should eat breakfast.
- **B)** You must eat breakfast.
- **C)** You could eat breakfast.
- **D)** You might eat breakfast.

11. Which of the following sentences is expressing that it is not necessary for the speaker to wake up early?

Answers:

Select one.

- **A)** I does not have to wake up early.
- **B)** I don't have to wake up early.
- **C)** I must not wake up early.
- **D)** I didn't have to wake up early.

12. Which of the following sentences expresses that it is not true that John is at home?

Answers:

Select one.

A) John will not be at home.
B) John must not be at home.
C) John may not be at home.
D) John could not be at home.

13. Which of the following sentences tells someone not to touch a hot stove?

Answers:

Select one.

A) You doesn't have to touch the hot stove.
B) You must not touch the hot stove.
C) You could not touch the hot stove.
D) You might not touch the hot stove.

14. Which of the following sentences expresses that it is necessary to study for the exam?

Answers:

Select one.

A) You had to study for the exam.
B) You could study for the exam.
C) You might study for the exam.
D) You must study for the exam.

15. Choose the correct sentence to express that Tom knows how to swim.

Answers:

Select one.

A) Tom might swim.
B) Tom can swim.
C) Tom must swim.
D) Tom should swim.

16. Which of the following sentences suggests that it is the right thing to apologize?

Answers:

Select one.

A) You must apologize.
B) You should apologize.
C) You could apologize.
D) You might apologize.

17. Choose the correct sentence to express that Lucy was able to play the piano when she was a child.

Answers:

Select one.

A) Lucy might play the piano when she was a child.
B) Lucy must play the piano when she was a child.
C) Lucy could play the piano when she was a child.
D) Lucy can play the piano when she was a child.

18. Which of the following sentences are correct ways to ask for permission to use the bathroom?

Answers:

Select all that apply.

A) Should I use the bathroom, please?
B) Could I use the bathroom, please?
C) Can I use the bathroom, please?
D) May I use the bathroom, please?

19. Choose the correct sentence to express that it is possible that Sarah will come to the party.

Answers:

Select one.

A) Sarah can come to the party.
B) Sarah must come to the party.
C) Sarah might come to the party.
D) Sarah should come to the party.

20. Which of the following questions asks if it is a good idea to take an umbrella?

Answers:

Select one.

A) Must I take an umbrella?
B) Could I take an umbrella?
C) Might I take an umbrella?
D) Should I take an umbrella?

21. Which of the following sentences expresses the opinion that children should not watch too much TV?

Answers:

Select one.

A) I think children must not watch too much TV.
B) I think children could watch too much TV.
C) I think children might watch too much TV.
D) I don't think children should watch too much TV.

22. Which of the following sentences suggests that it is a good idea to exercise, but it is necessary to do homework?

Answers:

Select one.

A) You should exercise, but you have to do your homework.
B) You must exercise, but you should do your homework.
C) You could exercise, but you have to do your homework.
D) You might exercise, but you should do your homework.

23. Which of the following sentences expresses that it was necessary to wake up early yesterday?

Answers:

Select one.

A) I had to wake up early yesterday.
B) I must wake up early yesterday.
C) I could wake up early yesterday.
D) I might wake up early yesterday.