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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.