



# 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

# Topic 4: Modals

## MODAL VERBS

Type	Modal Verbs	Examples
ABILITY	Can, Could	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David can speak three languages.</li> <li>He could speak fluent French when he was 5.</li> </ul>
PERMISSION	Can, Could, May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can I sit in that chair please?</li> <li>Could I open the window?</li> <li>May I borrow your dictionary?</li> </ul>
ADVICE	Should	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You should visit your dentist at least twice a year.</li> <li>You should try to lose weight.</li> </ul>
OBLIGATION	Must, Have to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I must memorize all of these rules about tenses.</li> <li>You have to take off your shoes before you get into the mosque.</li> </ul>
POSSIBILITY	Might, May, Could, Can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It looks nice, but it might be very expensive.</li> <li>Richard may be coming to see us tomorrow.</li> </ul>



## Circle the correct reason for the modal verb

1. His teacher said that he should study more at home. **certain/advice/ability/forbidden**

2. That can't be Kobe Bryant over there- he lives in LA- not New York. **certain/advice/ability/forbidden**

3. You needn't have studied for the test after all- the teacher was absent.

**certain/advice/not necessary/forbidden**

4. His dentist said that he ought to brush his teeth twice a day or he will get a lot of cavities..

**certain/ strong advice/ability/forbidden**

5. You mustn't break the laws of a country even when you are traveling abroad.

**certain/ability/not necessary/forbidden**

6. He couldn't read when he was three years old. **certain/advice/ability/forbidden**

7. We didn't have to go to school on Tuesday- it was a holiday. **not necessary/advice/ability/forbidden**

8. When we were little, we would visit my grandmother's village every summer.

**certain/advice/memory/forbidden**

**1. Use the verb in brackets and the correct form a suitable modal to complete sentences a-f. More than one answer may be possible.**

- a) Unfortunately, my boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on holiday with us next month.
- b) We \_\_\_\_\_ (revise) for our exams instead of watching TV last night.
- c) This picture \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) by Picasso. I recognise his style.
- d) You really \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) me a present, but it was very kind of you.
- e) Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to concentrate more in class.

**2. Correct the mistakes in sentences in a-g.**

- a) Students might not be late for lessons.
- b) We couldn't be able to go to the cinema tomorrow night.
- c) Ted might have be held up in the traffic. He isn't usually late.
- d) Luggage must not be left unattended.
- e) Do we must finish this homework by tomorrow?
- f) When I woke up, I can hear the birds singing.
- g) I didn't had to wait long for a train last night.

3. Choose the best answers to complete the following sentences. In some, more than one option is correct.

1) You \_\_\_\_\_ be tired! You didn't get out of bed until midday.

- a) must                      b) ought                      c) can't                      d) should

2) It \_\_\_\_\_ snow tomorrow.

- a) can                      b) couldn't                      c) might                      d) needn't

3) We \_\_\_\_\_ to get up early tomorrow morning.

- a) need                      b) haven't                      c) can't                      d) must

4) My aunt \_\_\_\_\_ to have had her operation by now.

- a) must                      b) ought                      c) can't                      d) should

5) You \_\_\_\_\_ have come to stay with us last weekend when you were in town.

- a) should                      b) can                      c) need                      d) had to

6) The students \_\_\_\_\_ worried about their end-of-term test. They all passed.

- a) didn't need to                      b) didn't have to                      c) needn't have                      d) shouldn't have to

7) I \_\_\_\_\_ left my book on the train. I can't find it.

- a) couldn't have                      b) can't have                      c) had to                      d) might have