

Modal verbs Revision

Perfect Modal

Picture

sentence

could have _____
 couldn't have _____
 past ability



The boy **could have done** the dishes himself, but his father decided to help.

may have _____
 may not have _____
 past possibility



My grandfather **may have used** this camera when he was a young man, but I'm not sure.

1. Complete each question or sentence with should have or could have, and a main verb.
 - a. I (Help) you last weekend if you had asked. (possibility)
 - b. My students (Finish) their assignment by now. (capability)
 - c. n't that company (Pay) their employees on time? (responsibility)
 - d. The disaster never (Happen). It was preventable. (possibility)
 - e. President Bush (Tell) the American people they needed to make more personal sacrifices once the Iraq War began. (responsibility)
 - f. You (Be) able to complete the test within 60 minutes.
2. Complete each sentence or question with would have or should have and a main verb.
 - a. If I had known you were coming, I (Make) extra cookies.
 - b. We (Fix) the leak in the roof before the storm made it worse.
 - c. You n't (Go) into that strange house if it was empty.
 - d. Before going to the beach, they (Check) the weather because it rained.
 - e. The doctor told her she (Be) on a diet the last few years.
 - f. They really n't got (Marry) so fast.

3. Transformations. Modal verbs.
- a. On the plane: You need not/must not wear a seat belt all the time.
You wear a seat belt all the time.
 - b. You must/must not revise English words if you want to speak English.
You revise English words if you want to speak English.
 - c. You must not/need not take me to the station. I know the way.
You take me to the station.
 - d. You need not/may not stop in front of my garage. I can't get out.
You stop in front of my garage.
 - e. Is your telephone all right now? May/Can you hear me again?
..... you hear me again?
 - f. It must/cannot be Greg. Greg is much taller.
It be Greg.
 - g. Be careful! You must not/need not fall over again.
You fall over again.
 - h. Don't panic. You must/may pass the exam next time.
You pass the exam next time.
 - i. I can't carry all this luggage on my own. You need not/must help me!
You help me!
 - j. I don't want to go out now. I may/must dust the furniture first.
I dust the furniture first.

4. Look at the pictures and answer the questions. Use modals and explain your answers.



Are they famous people? How do you know?
 Where are they? What are they doing?
 Are they happy?



Where are they?
 What time of day is it?
 Are they working? How do you know?



What has just happened?
 Has the red team done something wrong?
 What is the green team going to do?



Is she ill? What illness does she have?
 Is she young or old?
 Where is she and what is she doing?



Are they friends?
 What time is it?
 What has happened?



Are they friends?
 Where are they?
 What are they doing?
 Has the boy just told a joke?
 Are they in love?



Is this a race?
Who is winning?
What is the weather like?



Is it a Sunday?
Where are the people?
What is the weather like?



What is the woman's job?
What is she doing now?
What time of the year is it?



Is there an exam tomorrow for this girl?
Is she a student?
When is it?
How old is the girl?

5. What do you think? Explain your answers using modals.
- Your brother went on holiday and he has forgotten his passport.
 - Your friend Tom is going out with a girl who is cheating on him.
 - It is raining and you didn't bring an umbrella.
 - Tomorrow is your favourite band's concert and you haven't got a ticket.
 - Your mother has had an accident at home, but you are alone in the house with her.
 - You are thirsty.
 - Yesterday was your mother's birthday, but you didn't buy her a present.
 - Your friend's hobby is designing clothes and there is a context for fashion designs.