

## MODAL VERBS

**Complete each sentence with a suitable modal, affirmative or negative.**

**There may be more than one possible answer**

1. No pushing, please. You \_\_\_\_\_ wait your turn in the queue.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ book in advance. It's a very popular restaurant.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ hire a driver. We will take you around the city.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ you see the Eiffel Tower from your window?
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ rain later, so take an umbrella.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ be late. Our host will be insulted.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ go sightseeing yesterday because the weather was very bad.

**Complete the sentences with the modal perfects below and the correct form of the verbs in brackets**

***would have • should have • must have • may have • could have***

***• shouldn't have • couldn't have***

1. Thanks for your help. We \_\_\_\_\_ (**do**) it without you.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ (**take**) a guided tour. You didn't see many of the landmarks in the city.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (**hire**) a guide, but our friends insisted on showing us around the city.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (**forget**) to meet us. He's not very reliable.
5. I'm not certain, but we \_\_\_\_\_ (**meet**) before.

6. It's too bad you didn't tell me she was in hospital. I \_\_\_\_\_  
(**send**) her some flowers.
7. The necklace is beautiful, but you \_\_\_\_\_ (**buy**) me such an  
expensive gift.

**Complete each sentence with a logical continuation. Pay attention to the modals and modal perfects in bold**

1. We **might cancel** our trip to Paris because
2. The plane **must have landed** because
3. We **should have taken** warmer clothing because
4. We **ought to** wear comfortable shoes because
5. I **can't** meet you tonight because
6. I **couldn't** meet you because
7. We **could have** driven, but
8. We **would have** checked in earlier, but
9. That **can't** be Tom because

**Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. Do not change the original meaning**

1. There's a possibility that we're going to check out a day earlier.  
(**might**)
2. Smoking in the hotel is forbidden. (**mustn't**)
3. They had tickets to the concert, but decided not to go. (**could have**)

4. Does she know how to drive? (*can*)
5. It's impossible that his story is true. (*can't*)
6. I'm certain that's my luggage. (*must*)
7. I suggest you book in advance. (*should*)
8. It wasn't polite that you didn't thank them for their hospitality. (*should have*)

**Write a suitable continuation for each sentence with the modals below**

*don't have to • should • might • can't • must • mustn't • couldn't*

1. It's not a good idea to leave your luggage here. ⇨ *SOMEONE*
2. Relax. We'll arrive on time. ⇨ *YOU*
3. Sorry I didn't join you yesterday. ⇨ *I*
4. It's a secret. ⇨ *YOU*
5. This restaurant is very popular. ⇨ *WE*
6. Speak louder. ⇨ *I*
7. His parents haven't seen him in weeks. ⇨ *THEY*

**Complete the sentences with a suitable modal or modal perfect, affirmative or negative and the correct form of the verbs in brackets. There may be more than one possible answer**

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (*hire*) a guide, but we decided that we would go sightseeing on our own.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ (*wander off*). We were very worried about you.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (*stay*) in a youth hostel next time. It's a lot cheaper than a hotel.

4. I'm sure it wasn't intentional. It \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) a mistake.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ (**book**) a room with a view, please?
6. The room was very crowded, so he \_\_\_\_\_ (**see**) us there.
7. It's a fixed price, so you \_\_\_\_\_ (**ask**) for a discount.

**Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words in brackets.**

**Do not change the original meaning**

1. It wasn't necessary to bring me a gift. (**need**)  
▶ You
2. Perhaps that was Joe who just walked by. (**might**)  
▶ That
3. I'm not sure we made reservations. (**might**)  
▶ We
4. There's a possibility that we won't arrive on time. (**may**)  
▶ We
5. Participation is mandatory. (**have to**)  
▶ Everyone
6. We had the option of staying at more expensive accommodation. (**could**)  
▶ We
7. There's no need to stand in the queue. (**have to**)  
▶ You
8. I suggest staying in a hotel near the city centre. (**should**)  
▶ You

9. I regret travelling alone. (*should*)



10. It's not my luggage because mine is brown. (*can*)

▶ That

**Complete the sentences with a logical continuation. Use a suitable modal or modal perfect and verb**

1. He didn't answer me. ⇨ He

2. Stress isn't good for your health. ⇨ You

3. This story doesn't make any sense. ⇨ It

4. His phone and keys are on his desk. ⇨ He