

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 **HAVE TO / MUST** wait your turn in the queue.
2. You **SHOULD / OUGHT TO / HAVE TO** book in advance. It's a very popular restaurant.
3. You **DON'T HAVE TO / NEEDN'T** hire a driver. We will take you around the city.
4. **CAN / COULD** you see the Eiffel Tower from your window?
5. It **MIGHT / MAY** rain later, so take an umbrella.
6. We **MUSTN'T / SHOULDN'T** be late. Our host will be insulted.
7. We **COULDN'T** 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 **COULDN'T HAVE DONE** (*do*) it without you.
2. You **SHOULD HAVE TAKEN** (*take*) a guided tour. You didn't see many of the landmarks in the city.

3. We **COULD HAVE HIRED** (*hire*) a guide, but our friends insisted on showing us around the city.
4. He **MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN** (*forget*) to meet us. He's not very reliable.
5. I'm not certain, but we **MAY HAVE MET** (*meet*) before.
6. It's too bad you didn't tell me she was in hospital. I **WOULD HAVE SENT** (*send*) her some flowers.
7. The necklace is beautiful, but you **SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT** (*buy*) me such an expensive gift.

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

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

1. We *might cancel* our trip to Paris because **STEVE'S MOTHER IS VERY ILL**
2. The plane *must have landed* because **PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR THEIR LUGGAGE**
3. We *should have taken* warmer clothing because **THE TEMPERATURE IS GOING TO DROP TONIGHT**
4. We *ought to* wear comfortable shoes because **WE HAVE A LOT OF WALKING TO DO**
5. I *can't* meet you tonight because **I MUST STUDY FOR A SCIENCE TEST**
6. I *couldn't* meet you because **I HAD NO WAY OF GETTING THERE**

7. We *could have* driven, but **WE DECIDED TO WALK**
8. We *would have* checked in earlier, but **WE WERE STUCK IN HEAVY TRAFFIC**
9. That *can't* be Tom because **HE'S ON HOLIDAY IN GREECE**

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

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

1. There's a possibility that we're going to check out a day earlier. (*might*) **WE MIGHT CHECK OUT A DAY EARLIER**
2. Smoking in the hotel is forbidden. (*mustn't*) **YOU MUSTN'T SMOKE IN THE HOTEL**
3. They had tickets to the concert, but decided not to go. (*could have*) **THEY COULD HAVE GONE TO THE CONCERT, BUT THEY DECIDED NOT TO GO**
4. Does she know how to drive? (*can*) **CAN SHE DRIVE?**
5. It's impossible that his story is true. (*can't*) **HIS STORY CAN'T BE TRUE**
6. I'm certain that's my luggage. (*must*) **THAT MUST BE MY LUGGAGE**
7. I suggest you book in advance. (*should*) **YOU SHOULD BOOK IN ADVANCE**
8. It wasn't polite that you didn't thank them for their hospitality. (*should have*) **YOU SHOULD HAVE THANKED THEM FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY**

Write a suitable continuation for each sentence with the modals below

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

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

1. It's not a good idea to leave your luggage here. ⇒ *SOMEONE MIGHT TAKE IT BY MISTAKE*
2. Relax. We'll arrive on time. ⇒ *YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY*
3. Sorry I didn't join you yesterday. ⇒ *I COULDN'T FIND A WAY TO GET THERE*
4. It's a secret. ⇒ *YOU MUSTN'T TELL ANYONE*
5. This restaurant is very popular. ⇒ *WE SHOULD MAKE A RESERVATION*
6. Speak louder. ⇒ *I CAN'T HEAR YOU*
7. His parents haven't seen him in weeks. ⇒ *THEY MUST MISS HIM A LOT*

Complete the sentences with a suitable modal or modal perfect, affirmative or negative and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

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1. We **COULD HAVE HIRED** (*hire*) a guide, but we decided that we would go sightseeing on our own.
2. You **SHOULDN'T HAVE WANDERED OFF** (*wander off*). We were very worried about you.
3. We **SHOULD STAY** (*stay*) in a youth hostel next time. It's a lot cheaper than a hotel.
4. I'm sure it wasn't intentional. It **MUST HAVE BEEN** (*be*) a mistake.
5. **CAN / COULD** we **BOOK** (*book*) a room with a view, please?

6. The room was very crowded, so he **COULDN'T / MIGHT NOT / MAY NOT HAVE SEEN** (*see*) us there.

7. It's a fixed price, so you **SHOULDN'T / CAN'T ASK** (*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 **DIDN'T NEED TO BRING ME A GIFT / NEEDN'T HAVE BROUGHT ME A GIFT**

2. Perhaps that was Joe who just walked by. (*might*)

▶ That **MIGHT HAVE BEEN JOE (THAT JUST WALKED BY)**

3. I'm not sure we made reservations. (*might*)

▶ We **MIGHT (NOT) HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS**

4. There's a possibility that we won't arrive on time. (*may*)

▶ We **MAY NOT ARRIVE ON TIME**

5. Participation is mandatory. (*have to*)

▶ Everyone **HAS TO PARTICIPATE**

6. We had the option of staying at more expensive accommodation. (*could*)

▶ We **COULD HAVE STAYED AT MORE EXPENSIVE ACCOMMODATION**

7. There's no need to stand in the queue. (*have to*)

▶ You **DON'T HAVE TO STAND IN THE QUEUE**

8. I suggest staying in a hotel near the city centre. (*should*)

▶ You **SHOULD STAY IN A HOTEL NEAR THE CITY CENTRE**

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

▶ **I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRAVELLED ALONE. / I SHOULD HAVE TRAVELLED WITH SOMEONE**

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

▶ That **CAN'T BE MY LUGGAGE (BECAUSE MINE IS BROWN)**

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

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

1. He didn't answer me. ⇒ He **MAY NOT HAVE HEARD ME**

2. Stress isn't good for your health. ⇒ You **SHOULD TRY TO KEEP**

CALM

3. This story doesn't make any sense. ⇒ It **CAN'T BE TRUE**

4. His phone and keys are on his desk. ⇒ He **CAN'T HAVE LEFT YET**

