

## Verb Phrases with Modal Verbs

**Exercise 1** — Complete the sentences with can, must or should

1. You \_\_ eat breakfast every day.
2. He \_\_ ride a bike very well.
3. They \_\_ drink more water.
4. We \_\_ hurry. The bus is coming.
5. I \_\_ help my parents at home.
6. She \_\_ go to bed early tonight.
7. Students \_\_ be quiet in class

**Exercise 2** — Find the Verb Phrase - underline the verb phrase

1. He can cook dinner for his family.
2. She must wear a uniform at school.
3. They should go home early today.
4. I can play football after class.
5. You must finish homework before TV.
6. We can take a bus to school.
7. She should drink water every morning.

### Conversation – **Student A sheet**

1. **A:** Hi! How was your weekend?
2. **B:** ...
3. **A:** Sounds exciting! On Saturday I met my cousin but I didn't have much time.
4. **B:** ...
5. **A:** Nice! On Sunday I played badminton with my cousin.
6. **B:** ...
7. **A:** Oh really? I wanted to go shopping, but it rained.
8. **B:** ...
9. **A:** Did you also eat outside on Sunday evening?
10. **B:** ...

### Tick the verb phrases you hear B say:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cooked dinner      | <input type="checkbox"/> watched a movie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> went to the market | <input type="checkbox"/> went for a walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> relaxed at home    | <input type="checkbox"/> studied English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> met a friend       | <input type="checkbox"/> ate at a café   |

**Exercise #1:** Complete each sentence with a modal verb a, b or c?

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| 1. __ you speak any foreign languages?                     | a. may      | b. can      | c. have      |
| 2. Liz __ get tired of her job. It is so boring.           | a. has to   | b. must     | c. should    |
| 3. Where's Nick? He __ be in his office.                   | a. might    | b. mustn't  | c. is to     |
| 4. Take an umbrella. It __ rain later.                     | a. has to   | b. need     | c. might     |
| 5. Jack __ go to hospital yesterday.                       | a. must     | b. had to   | c. need      |
| 6. You look tired. You __ go to bed.                       | a. should   | b. ought    | c. are to    |
| 7. You __ do it. I've already done it.                     | a. must not | b. need not | c. ought not |
| 8. __ it be true?  | a. must     | b. may      | c. can       |
| 9. __ we stay or leave?                                    | a. will     | b. would    | c. shall     |
| 10. Jane was so tired. She __ have worked days and nights. | a. should   | b. must     | c. need      |

**Exercise #2:** Complete each sentence with a modal verb, here are my suggestions:

|  | can't<br>should | can<br>should | couldn't<br>shouldn't | didn't<br>shouldn't | couldn't |
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1. It was very dark last night. I \_\_\_\_\_ see the man on the road.
2. He's not very strong. He \_\_\_\_\_ try to lift the box.
3. She's singing in the shower. I \_\_\_\_\_ hear her.
4. We must be home by ten o'clock. Perhaps we \_\_\_\_\_ go now.
5. Cigarettes are unhealthy. People \_\_\_\_\_ smoke them.
6. Your face is dirty. You \_\_\_\_\_ wash it.
7. That book doesn't belong to him. He \_\_\_\_\_ take it.
8. Emily's on a diet. She \_\_\_\_\_ eat that cake.
9. When I was young I \_\_\_\_\_ cook at all.
10. The speed limit is 50 km/hr in the city. You \_\_\_\_\_ slow down.

**Exercise #3:** Read the sentences and choose the correct modal verb from the list below to complete each blank.

Modal Verbs: can, could, will, would, should, may, might, must

On Saturday morning, Laura and Tom 1 \_\_\_\_\_ go for a hike in the mountains. Tom 2 \_\_\_\_\_ cook dinner tonight; he enjoys trying new recipes. Laura, you 3 \_\_\_\_\_ bring your camera; we might see some beautiful scenery. They 4 \_\_\_\_\_ start early if they want to reach the summit before sunset. Laura, you 5 \_\_\_\_\_ check the weather forecast before we leave.

**Exercise #4:** Degree of Certainty. Read the sentences and choose the correct modal verb from the list below to complete each blank

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1. It's 10:30, and Sarah isn't here yet. She \_\_\_\_\_ have forgotten about the meeting.
2. The test is challenging, but if you study hard, you \_\_\_\_\_ pass with flying colours.
3. I heard a noise outside. It \_\_\_\_\_ be the neighbours playing music loudly again.
4. Mark is a very able person; he \_\_\_\_\_ finish the report by himself.
5. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ let me go to the concert if I finish my homework early.

**Exercise #5:** Read the conversation and choose the helping verbs from the list below to complete each blank.

can    can    haven't    may    must    have    should    should

1. A: Hi, I heard you're planning a trip to Paris.  
B: Yes, I'm excited! I \_\_\_\_\_ book the flights yet, but I'm thinking of going next month.
2. A: I can't find my keys anywhere.  
B: You \_\_\_\_\_ left them in the car. I remember you had them when we parked.
3. A: I have an important job interview tomorrow.  
B: You \_\_\_\_\_ wear something professional and be well-prepared. Confidence is key.
4. A: I'm not sure if I \_\_\_\_\_ make it to the party on time.  
B: Don't worry. If you're running late, you \_\_\_\_\_ always call and let them know.
5. A: The weather forecast says it \_\_\_\_\_ rain later.