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Modals in English Grammar

1. *can*

Use	Examples
ability to do sth. in the present (substitute form: to be able to)	I can speak English.
permission to do sth. in the present (substitute form: to be allowed to)	Can I go to the cinema?
request	Can you wait a moment, please?
offer	I can lend you my car till tomorrow.
suggestion	Can we visit Grandma at the weekend?
possibility	It can get very hot in Arizona.

2. could

Use	Examples
ability to do sth. in the past (substitute form: to be able to)	I could speak English.
permission to do sth. in the past (substitute form: to be allowed to)	I could go to the cinema.
polite question *	Could I go to the cinema, please?
polite request *	Could you wait a moment, please?
polite offer *	I could lend you my car till tomorrow.
polite suggestion *	Could we visit Grandma at the weekend?
possibility *	It could get very hot in Montana.

3. *may*

Use	Examples
possibility	It may rain today.
permission to do sth. in the present (substitute form: to be allowed to)	May I go to the cinema?
polite suggestion	May I help you?

4. *might*

Use	Examples
possibility (less possible than may) *	It might rain today.
hesitant offer *	Might I help you?

5. *must*

Use	Examples
force, necessity	I must go to the supermarket today.

Use	Examples
possibility	You must be tired.
advice, recommendation	You must see the new film with Brad Pitt.

6. *must not/may not*

Use	Examples
prohibition (must is a little stronger)	You mustn't work on dad's computer.
	You may not work on dad's computer.

7. *need not*

Use	Examples
sth. is not necessary	I needn't go to the supermarket, we're going to the restaurant tonight.

8. *ought to*

similar to *should* – *ought to* sounds a little less subjective

Use	Examples
advice	You ought to drive carefully in bad weather.
obligation	You ought to switch off the light when you leave the room.

9. *shall*

used instead of *will* in the 1st person

Use	Examples
suggestion	Shall I carry your bag?

10. *should*

Use	Examples
advice	You should drive carefully in bad weather.
obligation	You should switch off the light when you leave the room.

11. *will*

Use	Examples
wish, request, demand, order (less polite than would)	Will you please shut the door?
prediction, assumption	I think it will rain on Friday.
promise	I will stop smoking.
spontaneous decision	Can somebody drive me to the station? - I will .
habits	She's strange, she' llsit for hours without talking.

12. *would*

Use	Examples
wish, request (more polite than will)	Would you shut the door, please?
habits in the past	Sometimes he wouldbring me some flowers.

* These are no past forms, they refer to the future.

1.

Before this year, I _____ move out of my parents' house because I did not have a job.

- a. may not
- b. cannot
- c. should not
- d. could not
- e. shall not

2.

But now that I have finished college and have a job, I realize that living at home _____ drive my parents and me crazy. (potentially)

- a. could
- b. would
- c. should
- d. would have
- e. should have

3.

Unfortunately, it's not so easy to find to find an apartment in the city. Without an agent, you _____ not be able to find all the available listings. (possibility)

a. ought to

b. must

c. should

d. might

e. can

4.

Before now, I couldn't sign a lease, but now I _____ because I am twenty-one.

a. able

b. can

c. can able

d. can do

e. sign

5.

I asked my friends to help me move because I knew that I _____ fit all my possessions into my little car. (inability)

a. can't be able to

b. not able to

c. don't be able to

d. couldn't

e. couldn't be able to

6.

My best friend said, " I _____ help you move next week." (an offer)

- a. able to
- b. would be able to
- c. be able to
- d. must be able to
- e. will be able to

7.

He added, " I _____ help earlier in the morning than later in the afternoon."(preference)

- a. would better
- b. would like
- c. would have
- d. would rather
- e. would

8.

My father also offered to help me move. He _____ be really eager to have me move out! (conclusion)

- a. must

- b. will
- c. can
- d. ought to
- e. have to

9.

Another friend told me that he _____ me move, but he never showed up.

- a. would help
- b. would have helped
- c. will help
- d. would helped
- e. will have helped

10.

With the help of three friends, I ____ get all my possessions into the new condo. ("managed to")

- a. am able to
- b. can
- c. could
- d. was able to
- e. could have

11.

My parents are happy for me, but warned, "You _____ spend all your money each month. Save a little extra money for unexpected emergencies."

- a. mustn't
- b. don't have to
- c. must not have
- d. aren't able to
- e. would not

12.

I know that everyone _____ save a little extra money, but it is hard with so many bills to pay. (customary, expected behavior)

- a. must
- b. is supposed to
- c. has to
- d. was able to
- e. could have

13.

I made a few purchases. The first thing that I _____ was furniture. (requirement)

- a. must have
- b. had to have
- c. must have had

d. have to have

e. would have had

14.

I _____ on the wood floor, but it was too hard, so I bought a sofa-bed. (option not taken)

a. could sleep

b. couldn't sleep

c. could have slept

d. could of slept

e. couldn't have slept

15.

It _____ about a year until I am able to completely furnish my apartment. (prediction)

a. must take

b. will take

c. would take

d. will have taken

e. must have taken

16.

By this time next year, I _____ a lot about living independently. (time-relative prediction)

a. must learn

b. will learn

c. would learn

d. will have learned

e. must have learned

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