

MODALS Class 8 English Grammar Worksheet

Name: _____ Class/Section: _____ Date: _____

Learning Goal

Use modal verbs such as **can, could, may, might, must, should, ought to, will, would, shall, and have to** correctly according to meaning and context.

A. Choose the Correct Modal

Choose the most suitable modal from the options given.

1. You _____ wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. *(should / might)*
2. _____ I borrow your notebook for a while? *(May / Must)*
3. When I was five, I _____ swim across the pool. *(could / must)*
4. We _____ hurry; the train leaves in ten minutes. *(must / might)*
5. It _____ rain tonight, so carry an umbrella. *(might / ought)*
6. You _____ speak politely to your elders. *(should / can)*
7. _____ you please help me with this problem? *(Could / Must)*
8. Students _____ submit their projects by Friday. *(must / might)*

B. Identify the Function of the Modal

Read each sentence and identify what the modal expresses.

Choose from:

ability | permission | possibility | advice | obligation | polite request | prediction

1. You **should** drink plenty of water.

2. **May** I come in, Sir?

3. She **can** solve difficult puzzles quickly.

4. We **might** visit Jaipur during the holidays.

5. You **must** follow the safety instructions.

6. **Could** you pass me the salt, please?

7. I think our team **will** win the match.

C. Complete the Sentences

Fill in each blank with a suitable modal.

1. You _____ respect the rules of the school.
2. _____ you lend me your dictionary, please?
3. We _____ go for a picnic if the weather is pleasant.
4. My little sister _____ read simple sentences when she was four.
5. You _____ not touch that wire; it is dangerous.
6. I _____ finish the project tonight because it is due tomorrow.
7. _____ I use your phone to make an urgent call?

D. Choose the Modal That Best Fits the Situation

1. Your friend has a fever. What would you say?
 - a) You must play outside.
 - b) You should take some rest.
 - c) You might ignore it.
 - d) You can skip all meals.
2. You want to ask your teacher for permission to leave the classroom.
 - a) Must I leave the classroom?
 - b) May I leave the classroom, please?
 - c) I might leave the classroom.
 - d) I should leave the classroom.
3. You are not certain that Arjun will attend the party.
 - a) Arjun must attend the party.
 - b) Arjun can attend the party.
 - c) Arjun might attend the party.
 - d) Arjun should attend the party.
4. Your parents have given you a strict instruction to be home by 7 p.m.
 - a) I may be home by 7 p.m.
 - b) I might be home by 7 p.m.
 - c) I must be home by 7 p.m.
 - d) I could be home by 7 p.m.

E. Modal Meaning Matters

The modal changes the meaning of the sentence. Explain the difference.

1. You should see a doctor.
You must see a doctor.

Difference: _____

2. It may rain today.
It must rain today.

Difference: _____

3. Can I use your pen?
May I use your pen?

Difference: _____

F. Correct the Error

Each sentence contains an incorrect use of a modal. Rewrite it correctly.

1. You must to finish your homework before playing.

2. She can sings very well.

3. He should to apologise to his friend.

4. We might goes to the museum tomorrow.

5. Could you to open the window, please?

G. Rewrite Using the Modal Given

Rewrite each sentence using the modal in brackets without changing its basic meaning.

1. It is necessary for everyone to wear an identity card.
(*must*)

2. Perhaps Meera will join us later.
(*might*)

3. It is advisable for you to revise this chapter.
(*should*)

4. I was able to ride a bicycle when I was six.
(*could*)

5. Is it possible for you to help me?
(*could*)

H. Editing Challenge

The paragraph below contains **five errors involving modals**. Find and correct them.

Students must to arrive at school on time. They should follows the instructions given by their teachers. They can to ask questions whenever they have doubts. They might faces difficulties at first, but they should not to give up. With regular practice, they can improves their performance.

Corrected paragraph:

I. Situation-Based Writing

Read the situation and write **one suitable sentence using a modal**.

1. Your friend is preparing for an important examination. Give him/her advice.

2. You want permission to use your teacher's computer.

3. There is a possibility that your school picnic may be cancelled because of rain.

4. Your younger brother is about to cross a busy road without looking.

J. Dialogue Completion

Complete the dialogue using suitable modals.

Teacher: You look tired, Rahul. What happened?

Rahul: I stayed up late completing my project.

Teacher: You _____ have finished it earlier. You _____ get enough sleep before an examination.

Rahul: I know, Ma'am. _____ I submit the project tomorrow morning?

Teacher: Yes, you _____, but make sure you bring it without fail.

K. Read the sentences carefully.

1. You must be very tired after travelling all night.
2. You must complete your homework before watching television.

Answer:

a) Does **must** express the same meaning in both sentences?

b) What does **must** express in Sentence 1?

c) What does **must** express in Sentence 2?
